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Paul Rogers was known as "Mr. Health". As a Congressman he authored most of the important laws protecting the health of the American people. After retiring from the Congress, he became the champion of medical research, advocating for funding increases for the National Institutes of Health that culminated in the doubling of its budget. He will be forever remembered within the NIH community for his passionate leadership and commitment to improving human health through research.

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I.

OVERVIEW

WELCOME FROM DR. JOHN RUFFIN

NIH SUMMIT RATIONALE

WELCOME MESSAGE FROM NCMHD DIRECTOR



Dear Colleague,

It is a tremendous pleasure and privilege for me to welcome you to the NIH Summit: *The Science of Eliminating Health Disparities*, December 16-18, 2008. We are excited to have you here with us in Maryland at this turning point in our history as a nation and a global community. For us at the National Institutes of Health, this summit represents a significant milestone in our quest to eliminate health disparities.

Our journey to improve minority health and eliminate health disparities began 18 years ago. Many of you have been with us since the inception of the Office of Minority Programs (OMP), and the Office of Research on Minority Health (ORMH). Others of you joined us along the way when, at the turn of the millennium, the Congress defined our pathway with the passage of the *Minority Health and Health Disparities Research and Education Act of 2000*, which established the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NCMHD). Yet, for some of you, this summit will be our first introduction. Regardless of how long you have been on this journey, you are here now, and together, we will work to overcome health disparities.

We have come a long way, as you will learn over the next few days. Two decades ago, our greatest challenge was convincing the nation that health disparities are real. Today, I am more optimistic than ever. The issue of health disparities is a vibrant and integral part of research. The pulse of the nation and the world is on health disparities. Innovative and transformational strategies are being applied to eliminate global health inequities. The health disparities research workforce is stronger than it has ever been. Your contributions, and the commitment and support of our numerous partners within the public and private sectors, have truly advanced the field.

This promises to be an exhilarating summit because, for the first time, the NIH and its many partners will showcase their collective investment and contributions to the field of health disparities research. More than 300 speakers representing different nations and health professions will discuss their work to enhance our understanding of health disparities. The essence of what you will experience over the course of the summit is symbolic of what we have achieved together. Scientific and poster sessions focused on five tracks will highlight the breadth of the outstanding work of our seasoned and early-stage investigators. This summit is a testament of where we are, how far we have come in eight years, and how much farther we still have to advance.



Today, health inequities are a global reality. Millions of Americans lack health insurance, and we are in the midst of a rapid demographic shift where racial and ethnic minorities will soon make up the majority population in the United States. This summit presents a unique opportunity for us to reexamine and redefine our strategy towards eliminating health disparities. What is enthralling is that there is profound global momentum to join us. Through our collaborative and collective efforts we can better understand the biological and non-biological implications of health disparities. Our success in eliminating health disparities will depend on our continued ability to foster and maintain robust partnerships. We are primed to build on our strengths and the infrastructure that together we have laid. Now, we must challenge ourselves to take new, bold steps to find real solutions to address a colossal health crisis that none of us can independently resolve.

As the late Honorable Paul Rogers often said, "Without **RESEARCH**, there is no hope... Without research, there is **NO** hope... Without research, there is no **HOPE!**" I would add that without partnerships, there is no hope for research. I am therefore humbled, to dedicate this summit in honor of "Mr. Health"—the late Honorable Paul Rogers, who was a partner on this journey.

I look forward to your active participation in the summit as we seek to chart a new course in our quest to eliminate health disparities.



John Ruffin, Ph.D.

NIH SUMMIT: THE SCIENCE OF ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES

In 1985, Secretary of Health and Human Services (Secretary) Margaret Heckler issued the *Black and Minority Health Report*, a landmark report from the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) that would highlight the striking disparity in health status between minority and non-minority Americans.

In 1990, in response to the report, then Secretary, Louis Sullivan, M.D., called upon the National Institutes of Health (NIH), to initiate measures to improve health status of minorities. An Office of Minority Programs (OMP) was administratively created within the NIH Office of the Director, and John Ruffin, Ph.D., was hired to direct the office.

By 1991, Dr. Ruffin established a 53 member Fact-Finding Team representing various disciplines and populations to convene a series of regional Town Hall meetings in communities around the country to answer the question “*What is it that we are not doing that we ought to be doing?*” This resulted in 13 recommendations that would later form the basis for the NIH Minority Health Initiative (MHI), --a collaboration with the NIH Institutes and Centers, led by the Office of Research on Minority Health (ORMH), which was established by the NIH Revitalization Act of 1993. With a small budget and no grant funding authority, the ORMH partnered with the Institutes and Centers to implement the Fact-Finding Team recommendations under the umbrella of the Minority Health Initiative. Programs such as the Bridges to the Future, the Minority Health and Health Disparities International Research Training Program (formerly MIRT), and the Research Infrastructure in Minority Institutions Program were established in collaboration with the National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS), the Fogarty International Center (FIC), and the National Center for Research Resources (NCRR) respectively.

By November 2000, President William Jefferson Clinton signed into law the *Minority Health and Health Disparities Research and Education Act of 2000*, which was introduced into the Congress by Senator Edward Kennedy. The enactment of that law created the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NCMHD), to serve as the focal point for minority health and health disparities research at the NIH. Public Law 106-525 gave the NCMHD grant funding authority and broadened its constituency base. It describes the roles and responsibilities of the Center as follows:



"The general purpose of NCMHD is the conduct and support of research, training, and dissemination of information, and other programs with respect to minority health conditions and other populations with health disparities."

"Coordination of Activities- The Director of the NCMHD shall act as the primary Federal official with responsibility for coordinating all minority health disparities research and other health disparities research conducted or supported by the National Institutes of Health and—

- (1) ...shall represent the health disparities research program of the National Institutes of Health, including the minority health disparities research program, at all relevant Executive branch task forces, committees and planning activities; and*
- (2) ...shall maintain communications with all relevant Public Health Services agencies, including the Indian Health Service, and various other departments of the Federal Government to ensure the timely transmission of information concerning advances in minority health disparities research and other health disparities research between these various agencies for dissemination to affected communities and health care providers."*

In addition, the legislation requires the NCMHD to work in collaboration with the NIH Director, the NIH Institutes and Centers, and in consultation with its advisory council to establish a strategic plan and budget for minority health and health disparities research. The strategic plan was established and later assessed by the Institute of Medicine (IOM). The IOM provided 10 recommendations. Among them, it suggested:

"The NIH director, through the established authority of the NCMHD director, should assure continuous, effective coordination of the health disparities research program across the NIH including:

- Fostering of conferences and the use of committees and panels involving the NIH, extramural scientific communities, and others to inform and advise an initiatives and directions;..."*

Shortly after the release of the IOM report *Examining the Health Disparities Research Plan of the National Institutes of Health: Unfinished Business*, the NCMHD Director decided to plan a NIH summit that would highlight the agency's accomplishments in the three principal goals of the strategic plan –research, research infrastructure, and outreach.



The NCMHD established a NIH planning committee consisting of representatives from each of the NIH Institutes and Centers and program offices within the Office of the NIH Director. Several committee and subcommittee meetings involving NIH staff and members of the extramural research community were held.

As the NCMHD ventures forward in providing leadership to the NIH for minority health and health disparities research, it recognizes the importance of redefining the paradigm for understanding and eliminating health disparities. Science, practice, and policy are vital aspects of any framework. At this summit, the NCMHD will present a new framework to promote the integration of these three frequently distinct and fragmented fields.

It is against this backdrop that the NIH Institutes and Centers will convene the NIH Summit: *The Science of Eliminating Health Disparities* on December 16-18, 2008 to showcase their collective investment, contributions, and partnerships in health disparities research.



II.

AGENDA

SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

DETAILED SCHEDULE

CALL FOR PAPERS

SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

AM
PRE-SUMMIT Monday (12/15)

Badge Pickup and On-Site Registration (7 am–5 pm)

8 AM –

NIH Grant Process and Review (8–12)

10 AM –

11 AM PRE-SUMMIT Sunday (12/14)

12 PM – Badge Pickup (11:30 am–5 pm)

1 PM –

2 PM –

3 PM –

4 PM –

5 PM –

6 PM –

NCMHD Grantees Program Directors Meeting (8–12:30)

Lunch – On Your Own & Networking (12:30–1:30)

NCMHD Grantees Program Directors Meeting (1:30–5)

7 AM SUMMIT - DAY 1 Tuesday (12/16)

Badge Pickup and On-Site Registration - All Day (7 am–5 pm)

8 AM –

Opening Ceremonies (8–10)

9 AM –

Health Disparities and the Intersection of Science and Policy (10:15–11:45)

10 AM –

Charting a New Course for Health Disparities: Finding Your Niche (11:45–12:15)

Lunch – On Your Own & Networking (12:15–1:15)

1 PM –

Breakout Sessions A (1:15–2:45)

2 PM –

Breakout Sessions B (3–4:30)

3 PM –

Posters and Exhibitors Session (4:30–6)

4 PM –



SUMMIT - DAY 2 Wednesday (12/17)

AM — Badge Pickup and On-Site Registration - All Day (7 am–5 pm)

AM — **Perspectives on Health Care Reform: Eliminating Health Disparities (8–8:30)**

AM — **Health Disparities and the Intersection of Science and Practice (8:30–10)**

10 AM

Health Disparities and the Intersection of Science, Practice, and Policy (10:15–11:45)

11 AM —

12 PM —

Policy Implications for Eliminating Health Disparities (11:45–12:15)

Lunch – On Your Own & Networking (12:15–1:15)

1 PM —

Breakout Sessions C (1:15–2:45)

2 PM —

3 PM —

Breakout Sessions D (3–4:30)

4 PM —

5 PM —

Posters and Exhibitors Session (4:30–6)

6 PM —

Reception (6:30–7:30)

7 PM —

Awards Banquet (7:30–9:30)

8 PM —

9 PM —

SUMMIT - DAY 4 Thursday (12/18)

8 AM — **Science and Industry (8–8:30)**

9 AM — **The Role of the Media and Policy in Eliminating Health Disparities (8:30–10)**

10 AM —

Town Hall Meeting (10–12)

11 AM —

12 PM —

Closing Ceremony (12–12:30)



DETAILED NIH SUMMIT SCHEDULE

TRACKS DESCRIPTIONS

The NIH Summit Committee organized over 300 speakers into 3 plenary sessions and 100 breakout sessions around five distinct tracks. For their presentations, all speakers were asked to consider the following questions:

- How do we bridge science, practice, and policy to eliminate health disparities in this particular area?
- What have been the three best advances in your breakout session topic over the past 10 years towards eliminating health disparities?
- What are the three most important research focus areas in your breakout session topic that NIH needs to pursue over the next 10 years towards eliminating health disparities?

A description of the five tracks and track-specific questions follow:

Track I: Translating Science to Policy and Practice

To eliminate health disparities, we need to catalyze and promote intersections amongst the frequently distinct and fragmented fields of science, practice, and policy. This track explores translational efforts that bridge science to practice and policy.

- What efforts are being made to have science in this area reflect true practice? What more should we do?
- What efforts are being made to make the science in this area into effective policy? What more should we do?

Track II: Health Disparity Diseases and Conditions

Much of the health disparities research and literature indicate health disparities within the framework of diseases and conditions. For example, infant mortality, heart disease, diabetes, cancer, HIV/AIDS, and mental health have often been cited as diseases where large health disparities exist. This track explores the challenges and opportunities in eliminating health disparities in these conditions.

- What do we need to do to eliminate health disparities in this disease or condition?

Track III: Health Disparity Target Populations

Much of the health disparities research and literature indicate health disparities within the framework of target populations. For example, African American, Hispanic, Asian American, low socioeconomic status, and rural populations have often been cited as groups where large health disparities exist. This track explores the challenges and opportunities in eliminating health disparities in these populations.

- What do we need to do to eliminate health disparities in this target population?

Track IV: Building Capacity

To eliminate health disparities, we need to build capacity and invest in developing the pipeline of researchers who can lead next and future generations of health disparities researchers. This track explores the challenges and opportunities in building this capacity from training and education to the creation and maintenance of comprehensive centers to address health disparities.

- What do we need to do to build capacity in this area?

Track V: Partnerships, Collaborations, and Opportunities

To eliminate health disparities, we will need partnership and collaborations beyond NIH to Federal and private organizations. This track explores opportunities for these public and private partners. It will provide a venue for representatives from the following agencies and organizations to showcase and share their health disparities portfolio.

- How can we learn from our partners?
- How can we build these collaborations further?



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PLENARY SESSION ONE

TIME	SESSION	MODERATORS/SPEAKERS
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM	OPENING CEREMONY	<p>Moderator: Mary Woalley, Research! America, Washington, DC</p> <p>Jahn Ruffin, Director, National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities, NIH, MD</p> <p>Raynard Kington, Acting Director, National Institutes of Health, MD</p> <p>Maya Angelou, The Maya Angelou Center for Health Equity at Wake Forest University Medical Center, NC</p> <p><i>"A Perspective on Minority Health and Health Disparities"</i></p>
10:15 AM – 11:45 AM	HEALTH DISPARITIES AND THE INTERSECTION OF SCIENCE AND POLICY	<p>Moderator: David Satcher, Morehouse School of Medicine, GA</p> <p>Keynote: Robert Valdez, University of New Mexico, NM</p> <p>Moon Chen, University of California, Davis, CA</p> <p><i>"Pursuing a National Policy for Preventing Hepatitis B-induced Liver Cancer: Implications for Eliminating Health Disparities"</i></p> <p>Jeffrey Henderson, Black Hills Center for American Indian Health, SD</p> <p><i>"The Good Red Road: Science, Policy, and Health Disparities in American Indians and Alaska Natives"</i></p> <p>Brian Smedley, Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, Washington, DC</p>
11:45 AM – 12:15 PM	CHARTING A NEW COURSE FOR HEALTH DISPARITIES: FINDING YOUR NICHE	<p>Keynote: Kenneth Maritsugu, Johnson and Johnson, NJ</p>
12:15 PM – 1:15 PM	LUNCH ON YOUR OWN AND NETWORKING	

BREAKOUT SESSION A - 1:15 PM – 2:45 PM

TRACK ONE - TRANSLATING SCIENCE TO POLICY AND PRACTICE

TRACK	NUMBER	ROOM	SESSION NAME	MODERATORS/SPEAKERS
I	A1	NH 2	THE ROLE OF CULTURAL COMPETENCY IN ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>Moderator: Sabra Woalley, NCI</p> <p>Denice Cora-Bramble, Children's National Medical Center, Washington, DC</p> <p><i>"Culture, Quality of Care and Health Outcomes"</i></p> <p>Cathy Meade, Moffitt Cancer Center, University of South Florida College of Medicine, FL</p> <p><i>"Addressing Cultural Competence through Communication and Community: Many Activities, Multiple Attempts, More Approaches, and Momentous Actions for Achieving Meaningful Advances"</i></p> <p>Charles Martinez, Oregon Social Learning Center, OR</p> <p><i>"Towards 'Best Processes' in Cultural Adoption of Family-Based Prevention Programs"</i></p> <p>Tawara Gaade, Georgetown University Medical Center, Washington, DC</p> <p><i>"The Evidence Base for Cultural and Linguistic Competency in Health Care"</i></p>

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TRACK	NUMBER	ROOM	SESSION NAME	MODERATORS/SPEAKERS
I	A2	NH 3	THE ROLE OF RACIAL AND ETHNIC DATA COLLECTION IN ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Vence Bonham, NHGRI</p> <p>Vickie Mays, University of California, Los Angeles, CA <i>"The Culture of Data: Considerations of How Race/Ethnicity, Gender and Socioeconomic Status Matter in Data Collection"</i></p> <p>Rashida Darsey, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, DHHS, Washington, DC <i>"Role of Nationally Representative Data in Identifying Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities"</i></p> <p>Edna Paisana, Office of Public Health, Indian Health Service, MD <i>"Sources of Data Used by Indian Health Service"</i></p> <p>Cara James, Kaiser Family Foundation, Washington, DC <i>"Gaps in Our Knowledge: What Data Can Help Us Better Understand and Eliminate Health Disparities?"</i></p>
I	A3	NH 10	DEFINING THE RESEARCH AGENDA FOR HOW RESEARCH IN HEALTH LITERACY CAN HELP ELIMINATE DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Rose Marie Martinez, Institute of Medicine, Washington, DC</p> <p>Rose Marie Martinez, Institute of Medicine, Washington, DC</p> <p>Romana Hasnain-Wynia, Northwestern University, IL</p> <p>Ruth Parker, Emory University, GA</p>
I	A4	NH 4	UNDERSTANDING THE ROLE OF MEDIA IN ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: George Strait, NCMHD</p> <p>Larry Adelman, California Newsreel, CA <i>"Talking about Health Equity: Lessons Learned from UNNATURAL CAUSES"</i></p> <p>Makani Themba Nixon, The Praxis Project, Washington, DC</p> <p>Donna Vallone, American Legacy Foundation, Washington, DC <i>"Reducing Tobacco-Related Health Disparities: Promoting Behavior Change through Media Campaigns in Underserved Populations"</i></p>
I	A5	NH 6	UNDERSTANDING THE ROLE OF GENE-ENVIRONMENT INTERACTIONS IN ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Ebony Bookman, NIEHS</p> <p>Katrina Armstrong, University of Pennsylvania, PA <i>"Genomics, Clinical Decision Making and Health Disparities"</i></p> <p>Lynn Jorde, University of Utah, UT <i>"Genetic Variation and Race"</i></p> <p>Alexandra Shields, Harvard University, MA <i>"The Challenge of Leveraging Genetic Medicine to Reduce Health Disparities"</i></p> <p>Peggy Sheppard, WE ACT for Environmental Justice, NY <i>"Translating Research Into Policy and Practice"</i></p>
I	A6	NH 11	GLOBAL HEALTH: REDUCING HEALTH DISPARITIES GLOBALLY BY LINKING GEOPOLITICAL, SOCIAL, BIOLOGICAL, AND CLINICAL SCIENCES	<p>MODERATOR: Michelle Williams, University of Washington, WA</p> <p>Maureen Sanderson, Meharry Medical College, TN</p> <p>Sixta Sanchez, Instituto Nacional de Salud, Peru</p> <p>Sam Mbulaiteye, National Cancer Institute, NIH, MD</p>



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I	A7*	NH 12	UNDERSTANDING THE ROLE OF COMMUNITY-BASED PARTICIPATORY RESEARCH IN ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Francisco Sy, NCMHD</p> <p>Amy Schulz, University of Michigan, MI, Sheryl Weir, Michigan Department of Community Health, MI <i>"A Community-Based Participatory Approach to Promoting Greenway Use In Urban Communities"</i></p> <p>Elizabeth Baker, Ellen Barnidge, St. Louis University School of Public Health, MO Freda Motton, Pemiscot County Community Coalition <i>"Untangling the Web: Engaging Communities to Adapt Evidence-Based Interventions"</i></p> <p>Kathleen O'Connor, University of Texas, TX <i>"Epidemiology, Anthropology and Community-Based Participatory Research: Challenges and Successes Working with a Hard-to-Reach Population"</i></p>
I	A8*	NH 13	SUPPORTING COMMUNITY CAMPUS PARTNERSHIPS IN CAPACITY-BUILDING TOWARDS ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Robert Kaman, University of North Texas Health Science Center, TX Emily Morrison, George Washington University, Washington, DC <i>"Integrating Community-Campus Partnerships And Service Learning to Decrease Health Disparities"</i></p> <p>Frank Dillon, Christopher Rice, Florida International University, FL <i>"Developing and Sustaining a NCMHD Center of Excellence in a Predominantly Latina Serving University: A CRUSADE Case Study"</i></p> <p>Carol Bender, The University of Arizona, AZ <i>"Preparing Students to Contribute to the Reduction of Health Disparities at Home and Abroad"</i></p> <p>Sandra Daley, University of California, San Diego, CA <i>"San Diego EXPORT Center: Increasing the Capacity of Health Sciences to Eliminate Health Disparities"</i></p>

TRACK TWO - HEALTH DISPARITIES DISEASES AND CONDITIONS

TRACK	NUMBER	ROOM	SESSION NAME	MODERATORS/SPEAKERS
II	A9	CH E	UNDERSTANDING AND ELIMINATING MENTAL HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Cheryl Boyce, NIMH Steven Lopez, University of Southern California, CA <i>"Towards Eliminating Disparities in Care for Serious Mental Illness: From Ethnic and Racial Markers to Sociocultural Processes"</i></p> <p>Nolan Zane, University of California Davis, CA <i>"Strategies for Eliminating Disparities in Mental Health Treatment: Ways to Operationalize Cultural Competence"</i></p> <p>Debra Furr-Holden, Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, MD <i>"Environmental Strategies for Mental Health Promotion"</i></p> <p>Laurie Bauman, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, NY <i>"Young People Shift the Paradigm: Mental Health versus Mental Illness"</i></p>
II	A10	CH F	UNDERSTANDING AND ELIMINATING COLON CANCER HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Vickie Shavers, NCI Elena Martinez, University of Arizona, AZ <i>"Overview of the Epidemiology of Colon Cancer and Health Disparities"</i></p> <p>Thomas Weber, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, NY Mira Katz, Ohio State University, OH <i>"Understanding and Eliminating Disparities in Colorectal Cancer in Ohio: Community-Based Participatory Research Approaches"</i></p> <p>Richard Wender, Thomas Jefferson University, PA <i>"Reducing Health Disparities in Colon Cancer Screening"</i></p>

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II	A11	CH 4-5	UNDERSTANDING AND ELIMINATING HIV/AIDS HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Debra Meres, NIAID</p> <p>Marguerita Lightfoot, University of California San Francisco, CA <i>"New Approaches to HIV Prevention with Disenfranchised Youth"</i></p> <p>Scott Rhodes, Wake Forest University, NC <i>"HIV Prevention Intervention Research with Adult Immigrant Latinas in the Southeastern US"</i></p> <p>Antonia Villaruel, University of Michigan, MI <i>"Reducing Sexual Risk Behaviors among Latino Adolescents: Past Progress and Future Direction"</i></p>
II	A12	CH 1	UNDERSTANDING AND ELIMINATING HEPATITIS HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Arunri C. Brown, NIAID</p> <p>Tony Marion, University of Tennessee, TN <i>"Contributions of HLA-Class II and Race to Susceptibility, Immune Response, and Response to Therapy in Chronic Hepatitis C"</i></p> <p>Rashan Bastani, University of California Los Angeles, CA <i>"A Cluster Randomized Trial to Increase Hepatitis B Screening Among Koreans in Los Angeles"</i></p> <p>Tsu-Yin Wu, University of Michigan, MI <i>"Communities Working Together Toward Reducing Hepatitis Disparities: A Lesson Learned from Early Detection of Cancers"</i></p> <p>David Gretch, University of Washington Medical Center, WA <i>"Molecular Virology and Hepatitis C Disease Severity in Indigenous Alaskan Peoples"</i></p>
II	A13	CH 2-3	UNDERSTANDING AND ELIMINATING DIABETES AND OBESITY HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Wendy Johnson-Askew, DRNC, NIDDK</p> <p>Sherman James, Duke University, NC <i>"A CBPR Approach to Improving Diabetes Control in African Americans in Durham, North Carolina"</i></p> <p>Joseph Kaholokula, University of Hawaii at Manoa, HI <i>"It Takes a Diverse Community of People to Eliminate Obesity and Diabetes Disparities"</i></p> <p>Beti Thompson, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center, WA <i>"Diabetes Prevention among Hispanics in Rural Eastern Washington State"</i></p>
II	A14*	CH 7-8	UNDERSTANDING AND ELIMINATING CANCER HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Sheri Sheinfeld Garin, Columbia University, NY</p> <p>Marga Michaels, Education Network to Advance Cancer Clinical Trials, MD <i>"Community Centered Approaches to Cancer Clinical Trials Education: The Experience of the ENACT Pilot Education Program"</i></p> <p>David Lausbury, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, NY <i>"A Capacity Assessment of Cancer Survivorship Programs among Community-Based Agencies"</i></p> <p>Kimlin Ashing-Giwa, City of Hope, CA <i>"An Integrated Cancer Control Initiative for Research Translation and Community Engagement"</i></p> <p>Robin Matsuyama, Virginia Commonwealth University, VA <i>"Hospice and Palliative Care Awareness among African Americans and Non-Hispanic Whites at an Urban Cancer Center"</i></p>



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TRACK THREE - HEALTH DISPARITY TARGET POPULATIONS

TRACK	NUMBER	ROOM	SESSION NAME	MODERATORS/SPEAKERS
II	A15*	CH 11-12	UNDERSTANDING AND ELIMINATING BREAST CANCER HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Daris Browne, NCI</p> <p>Cheryl Clark, Nashira Baril, Brigham and Women's Hospital, MA <i>"Addressing Socio-Determinants of Health to Improve Access to Early Breast Cancer Detection: Results of the Bastian REACH 2010 Breast and Cervical Cancer Coalition Women's Health Demonstration"</i></p> <p>Daisy de Leon, Loma Linda University, CA <i>"IGF-II Role in the Breast Cancer Survival Disparity Observed among African American Women"</i></p> <p>Sarah Hawley, University of Michigan, MI <i>"Decision Involvement and Mastectomy Use among Racially/Ethnically Diverse Breast Cancer Patients"</i></p> <p>Kipling Gallian, Amelie Ramirez, The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, TX <i>"A National Peer Educator Patient Navigation Program for Latino Breast Cancer Patients"</i></p>
III	A16	CH A-B	UNDERSTANDING AND ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES IN AFRICAN AMERICAN POPULATIONS	<p>MODERATOR: Sharon H. Jackson, NIAID</p> <p>William Darity, Duke University, NC <i>"Historical and Contemporary Perspectives on Race, Racism and Health"</i></p> <p>Vanessa Northington Gamble, George Washington University, Washington, DC</p> <p>Adaora Adimora, University of North Carolina, NC <i>"HIV and African Americans"</i></p> <p>William Robinson, National African American Tobacco Prevention Network, NC <i>"You Get What You Make: How Menthol, Marketing and Movies Lead to Disparate Tobacco Use in African Americans"</i></p>
III	A17	CH I	UNDERSTANDING AND ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES IN NATIVE HAWAIIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER POPULATIONS	<p>MODERATOR: Reginald Ho, University of Hawaii, HI</p> <p>Reginald Ho, University of Hawaii, HI <i>"Understanding the Health Disparities of Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders"</i></p> <p>Jo Ann Umlani Tsark, Papa Ola Lakahi, HI <i>"Imi Hole – Native Hawaiian Cancer Network: Increasing the Cadre and the Capacity of Native Hawaiians in Cancer Prevention and Control Research and Programming"</i></p> <p>Marjorie Mau, University of Hawaii, HI</p> <p>Deborah Goebert, University of Hawaii, HI <i>"Understanding and Eliminating Mental Health and Substance Abuse Disparities in Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Populations"</i></p>
III	A18	CH C	UNDERSTANDING AND ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES IN RURAL POPULATIONS	<p>MODERATOR: Faye Gary, Case Western Reserve University, OH</p> <p>Gilbert Friedell, University of Kentucky, KY <i>"Appalachian Health Disparities and Values-Based System Reform"</i></p> <p>Spero Manson, University of Colorado, CO <i>"Bridging Gaps in Culture and Geography: TeleHealth in Rural Native America"</i></p> <p>Gerald Mohatt, University of Alaska, AK <i>"Prevention from Inside The Culture: Building New Evidence-Based Practices"</i></p> <p>Frederick Avis, Benefis Health System, McLaughlin Research Institute, MT <i>"Reducing Cancer and other Health Disparities among American Indians in Montana"</i></p>



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III	A19	CH 6	UNDERSTANDING AND ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES IN PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Cannie Pledger, Department of Education Thomas LaVeist, Johns Hopkins University, MD Gloria Krahn, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, GA Felicia Hill-Briggs, Johns Hopkins University, MD <i>"The Confluence of Minority Status, Chronic Disease, and Disability"</i> Cannie Pledger, United States Department of Education, Washington DC</p>
III	A20*	CH G-H	UNDERSTANDING AND ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES IN HISPANIC/LATINO POPULATIONS	<p>MODERATOR: Judith Arraya, NIAAA Trinidad Tellez, G. Dean Cleghorn, Greater Lawrence Family Health Center, University of Massachusetts, MA <i>"Changing the Lives of Latinas in Lawrence: The REACH 2010 Latina Health Experience & Beyond"</i> Guillermo Prada, University of Miami, FL <i>"Reducing Substance Use and HIV Health Disparities Among Hispanic Youth: The Familias Unidas Program of Research"</i> Lina Jandorf, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, NY <i>"Predictors of Colorectal Cancer Screening among Diverse Immigrant Hispanics"</i> Melanie Damenech Rodriguez, Utah State University, UT <i>"Outcomes of a RCT of PMTO for Spanish-Speaking Latina Parents: Behavioral Observations of Parenting Practices"</i></p>
III	A21*	CH D	UNDERSTANDING AND ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES IN ASIAN AMERICAN POPULATIONS	<p>MODERATOR: Nadia Islam, Center for Asian American Studies, NY Nadia Islam, Center for Asian American Studies, New York University, NY, <i>"Developing an Evidence-based Social Marketing Campaign to Raise Hepatitis B Awareness in Korean and Chinese Communities in New York City: A Review of the Literature and the Format"</i> Sunmin Lee, University of Maryland, MD <i>"Health Needs Assessments of Asian Americans: Findings from Focus Groups of Thirteen (13) Asian American Communities"</i> Peter Wang, Asian Pacific Islanders with Disabilities of California, CA <i>"Addressing Disparities for Asians and Pacific Islanders with Disabilities: A Promising Practice Community/Regional-Level Intervention"</i> Hui Sang, Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations, CA <i>"The Impact of Enabling Services Utilization on Health at Community Health Centers Serving Asian Americans Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders"</i></p>
III	A22*	CH 9	UNDERSTANDING AND ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES IN WOMEN	<p>MODERATOR: Tamara Lewis Johnson, NIAID Jeanette Sauth-Paul, University of Pittsburgh, PA <i>"Minority Women's Heart Initiative (MWHI) - Behavior Change Community-Based Education Research"</i> Rasina Cianelli, University of Miami, FL <i>"Knowledge Development for HIV Prevention in Latina Women as Part of El Centro"</i> Cheryl Waads-Giscambe, University of North Carolina, NC <i>"Superwoman Schema: An Innovative Approach to Understanding the Development and Progression of Diseases and Disabilities in African American Women"</i></p>



TRACK FOUR - BUILDING CAPACITY

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IV	A23	NH 5	SUPPORTING PRACTICE-BASED RESEARCH NETWORKS IN CAPACITY-BUILDING TOWARDS ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Steve Taplin, NCI</p> <p>George Rust, Morehouse School of Medicine, GA <i>"A Dazen Gaps in Existing Disparities Research and How Practice-Based Research Could Fill the Vaid"</i></p> <p>Rawena Dalar, Duke University Medical Center, NC</p> <p>David Baker, Northwestern University, IL <i>"REACHing to Reduce Disparities"</i></p> <p>Lyndee Knax, University of South Carolina, SC <i>"How can Practice-Based Research Benefit Community Health Centers and What is Needed to Engage them? Examples from LA Net and its Community Health Center Partners"</i></p>
IV	A24	CH J-K	THE ROLE OF CITY AND COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH IN ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Pierre Vigilance, District of Columbia Department of Health, Washington, DC</p> <p>Adewale Troutman, Louisville Health Department, KY</p> <p>Anthony Itan, Alameda County Public Health Department, CA</p> <p>Joshua Sharfstein, Baltimore City Health Department, MD <i>"Baltimore City Health Department's Strategy for the Elimination of Health Disparities in Baltimore City, Maryland"</i></p> <p>Linda Ray Murray, Cook County Health Department, IL <i>"When Your House is on Fire – Can You Reduce or Eliminate Health Disparities?"</i></p>

TRACK FIVE - PARTNERSHIPS, COLLABORATIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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V	A25	NH 7	THE ROLE OF FEDERAL PARTNERS IN ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Prabha Atreya, NCMHD</p> <p>Beverly Watts Davis, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration, HHS, MD</p> <p>Tanya Pagan Raggia-Ashley, Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS, MD</p> <p>Carolyn Cachran, Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS, MD</p> <p>Anna Pilata, Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, HHS, Washington, DC</p> <p>Laura Haard, Administration for Children and Families, HHS, Washington DC</p> <p>Anne Bergen, Administration for Children and Families, HHS, Washington DC</p>

BREAKOUT SESSION B - 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

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I	BI	NH 2	UNDERSTANDING THE ROLE OF DISCRIMINATION, RACISM, AND STRESS IN ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Nancy Breen, NCI</p> <p>Richard Hafrichter, National Association of County and City Health Officials, Washington, DC <i>"Science Friction: The Politics of Health Inequity, Racism and Research"</i></p> <p>Gilbert Gee, University of California, Los Angeles, CA <i>"Experiencing Racism, Experiencing Illness"</i></p> <p>Makani Themba Nixon, The Praxis Project, Washington, DC <i>"Removing Barriers, Restoring Health: Strategies for Addressing Health Disparities Beyond Access to Care"</i></p> <p>Paula Braveman, University of California, San Francisco, CA <i>"The Unsolved Mystery of Black-White Disparities in Birth Outcomes: Is Racism-Related Stress a Missing Piece of the Puzzle?"</i></p>



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I	B2	NH 4	UNDERSTANDING THE ROLE OF COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS IN ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Felicia Salaman, NCI America Bracha, Latina Health Access, CA Joseph Grzywacz, Wake Forest University, NC <i>"Using Lay Health Promoters (LHPs) to Reduce Occupational Health Disparities among Immigrant Latinas"</i> Aida Giachella, University of Illinois, IL <i>"Reducing Diabetes Disparities with Community Health Workers (CHWs): Selected Findings from Chicago Diabetes Empowerment Education Program—A CDC REACH 2010 and CEED US Initiatives"</i> Sherry Hirata, Asian Health Services, CA</p>
I	B3	NH 3	UNDERSTANDING THE ROLE OF FAITH-BASED INITIATIVES IN ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Rueben Warren, Interdenominational Theological Center, GA Marci Campbell, University of North Carolina, NC <i>"Working with African-American Churches to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities"</i> Neil Calman, Institute for Urban Family Health, NY <i>"The Bronx Takes Action: A Faith Based Initiative to Address Disparities in Diabetes Outcomes and Discrimination in the Health Care System"</i> Nancy Schaenberg, University of Kentucky, KY <i>"Rural Applications of Faith-Based Initiatives in Eliminating Health Disparities"</i> Ben O'Dell, Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, HHS, Washington, DC</p>
I	B4	NH 10	UNDERSTANDING THE ROLE OF HEALTH LITERACY IN ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Nathan Stinson, NCMHD Michael Paasche-Orlitz, Boston University School of Medicine, MA David Baker, Feinberg School of Medicine, Northwestern University, IL Dean Schillinger, University of California, San Francisco, CA</p>
I	B5	NH 11	UNDERSTANDING AND SOLVING THE GLOBAL HEALTH WORKFORCE CRISIS TOWARD ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Ileana Herrell, NCMHD Nilda Peragallo, University of Miami, FL <i>"The Global Nursing Shortage: Issues & Solutions for the 21st Century"</i> Michael Johnson, Fogarty International Center, NIH, MD Edward Zurawski, Migrant Clinicians Network, PA <i>"U.S. Dependence on Foreign Born/Foreign Trained Primary Care Physicians to Fill Gaps in Care for Underserved Populations; Contributing to International Physician Brain Drain"</i></p>



TRACK TWO - HEALTH DISPARITIES DISEASES AND CONDITIONS

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II	B6	CH J-K	UNDERSTANDING AND ELIMINATING SUBSTANCE ABUSE HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Dionne J. Jones, NIDA Kamilla Venner, University of New Mexico, NM <i>"Disseminating Evidence-Based Treatments with AI/AN: Caveats and Benefits"</i> Roland Moore, Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation, CA <i>"Understanding and Eliminating Substance Abuse Health Disparities Through Collaborative Capacity-Building: Experiences from a Project Aimed at Reducing Underage Drinking in Rural Southwest California Reservations"</i> Gerald Mohatt, University of Alaska, AK <i>"Prevention From Inside The Culture: Building New Evidence-Based Practices for Eliminating Substance Abuse"</i> Luis Velez, University of Texas, TX</p>
II	B7	NH 5	UNDERSTANDING AND ELIMINATING CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE AND STROKE HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Jane Scott, NHLBI Amie Hsia, Georgetown University, Washington, DC <i>"Acute Stroke Program of Interventions Addressing Racial and Ethnic Disparities (ASPIRE) - Reasons for Delay in Seeking Acute Stroke Care: Understanding Barriers in an Underserved Urban Community"</i> Keith Norris, Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science, CA Marcia Wilson, George Washington University, Washington DC <i>"Reducing Disparities in Cardiac Care: Lessons from a National Collaborative"</i></p>
II	B8	CH I	UNDERSTANDING AND ELIMINATING DISPARITIES IN RESPIRATORY DISEASES	<p>MODERATOR: Floyd Malveaux, Merck Childhood Asthma Network, Washington, DC Diane Gold, Harvard University, MA Herman Mitchell, Rho Incorporated, NC <i>"Reducing Health Disparities in Asthma Among Inner City Children: The Lasting Effects of Behavior Interventions"</i> Andrea Apter, University of Pennsylvania, PA <i>"Asthma is a Model for Studying Patient-Physician Interactions that Could Diminish Health Care Disparities"</i></p>
II	B9	CH 11-12	UNDERSTANDING AND ELIMINATING PROSTATE CANCER HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Gary Ellison, NCI John Carpenter, The Translational Genomics Research Institute, AZ <i>"Genetic Risk Factors for Prostate Cancer among African American Men"</i> Paul Godley, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine <i>"The Impact of Healthcare Access, Utilization and Knowledge on Disparities in Prostate Cancer Outcomes"</i> Myron Williams, Clark Atlanta University, GA Roshan Bastani, University of California Los Angeles, CA <i>"Increasing Informed Decision Making Regarding PSA Testing Among Latinos in Los Angeles - A Randomized Trial"</i></p>
II	B10	NH 13	UNDERSTANDING AND ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES IN IMMUNIZATION RATES	<p>MODERATOR: George Luta, Georgetown University, Washington DC Pierce Gardner, Stony Brook University, NY <i>"Disparities in Adult Immunizations: An Overview"</i> Roderick Go, Stony Brook University, NY <i>"Disparities in Adult Immunizations: Opportunities and Barriers"</i> Danielle Ompad, New York Academy of Medicine, NY <i>"Disparities in Access to Influenza Vaccine and Innovative Solutions: Project VIVA"</i> Katherine O'Brien, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, MD</p>



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II	B11*	CH 7-8	UNDERSTANDING AND ELIMINATING CANCER HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Kenneth Chu, NCI Debra Halden, RTI International, NC <i>"Baseline Findings from Selected Community-Based Hospitals in Addressing Cancer Healthcare Disparities"</i> Pamela Williams, Spartanburg Regional HealthCare System, SC <i>"The Use of Minority Outreach Coordinator to Increase Minority Accrual to Clinical Trials"</i> Nora Katurakes, Christiana Care Health System, Helen F. Graham Cancer Center, DE <i>"Combining Cancer Awareness with Cholesterol Diabetes and Hypertension Screening: An Innovative Community-Based Screening Approach"</i> Danna Casta, The Cancer Institute at St. Joseph's Medical Center, MD <i>"Development of a Community Advisory Board to Enhance Access and Information Dissemination to Underserved Communities"</i> Ken Chu, Maureen Johnson, National Cancer Institute, NIH, MD <i>"NCI Community Cancer Centers, An Overview"</i></p>
II	B12*	CH G-H	UNDERSTANDING AND ELIMINATING CARDIOVASCULAR AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Drew Carlson, NHLBI Corey Wiggins, My Brothers Keeper, MS <i>"Reducing the Incidence Rate of Cardiovascular Disease in African Americans by Educating Workers Using Culturally Sensitive Community-Based Health Education Strategies"</i> Jennifer Carroll, University of Rochester, NY <i>"A Process Evaluation of Two Pilot Studies to Promote Communication and Physical Activity in Underserved Populations"</i> Roland Thorpe, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, MD <i>"Social Context as an Explanation for Race Disparities in Hypertension: Findings from the Exploring Health Disparities In Integrated Communities (EHDIC) Study"</i> Francisca Villarreal, University of California, San Diego, CA <i>"Cardioprotective Effects of Cacao Flavonols"</i></p>
II	B13*	CH 2-3	UNDERSTANDING AND ELIMINATING DIABETES HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Joanne Gallivan, NIDDK Sabita Persaud, Bowie State University, MD <i>"Promoting Diabetes Self-Management among African Americans: An Educational Intervention in Prince George's County, MD"</i> Chandra Osborn, Vanderbilt University, TN <i>"Numeracy and Diabetes Self Efficacy Moderate the Effects of Race on Glycemic Control"</i> Mary Shaw, Ranjita Misra, Texas A&M University <i>"Health Education Intervention to Improve Diabetes Self Management and Clinical Outcomes"</i> Joanne Gallivan, National Institute for Digestive Disorders and Kidney Diseases, NIH, MD <i>"Primary Prevention of Diabetes Across High Risk Populations"</i></p>
II	B14*	CH 4-5	UNDERSTANDING AND ELIMINATING HIV/AIDS HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Lois Takahashi, University of California, Los Angeles, CA Enbal Shacham, Washington University, MO <i>"Predictors of Self-Reported Medication Adherence Among An Outpatient HIV Clinic Population"</i> Amy Fasula, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, GA <i>"Limitations in Daughters' Sexual Health Empowerment: Gender Differences in the Content of Black Mothers' Sexual Risk Reduction Messages to Sons and Daughters"</i></p>



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II	B15*	CH D	UNDERSTANDING AND ELIMINATING MENTAL HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Courtney Ferrell, NIMH Tara Earl, Boston College, MA <i>"Always Be Straight With Me: Black Patients' Experiences in Racially Discordant Mental Health Encounters"</i></p> <p>Charlotte Brown, Deborah Dobransky-Fasiska, University of Pittsburgh, PA <i>"Building Community-Academic Partnerships to Improve Depression Treatment and Reduce Health Disparities in Underserved Populations"</i></p> <p>Scott Nolen, New York State Psychiatric Institute, Columbia University, NY <i>"Assessing History of Lifetime Suicide Attempt in a Juvenile Assessment Center"</i></p>
II	B16*	CH E	UNDERSTANDING AND ELIMINATING SUBSTANCE ABUSE (YOUTH ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND OTHER DRUGS) HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Donna Vallone, American Legacy Foundation, Washington, DC Pamela Jones, University of Nebraska Medical Center, NE, <i>"Lessons Learned: Conducting Tobacco Control within African American Communities"</i></p> <p>Olivia Carter-Pokras, University of Maryland, MD <i>"Disparities in Tobacco Use Behaviors by Youth Minority Populations in Maryland"</i></p> <p>Alex Prokhorov, University of Texas, MD Anderson Cancer Center, TX <i>"Tobacco Use Among Asian Youth in Houston Texas"</i></p>

TRACK THREE - HEALTH DISPARITY TARGET POPULATIONS

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III	B17	CH F	UNDERSTANDING AND ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES IN LOW SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS POPULATIONS	<p>MODERATOR: Pebbles Fagan, NCI Pebbles Fagan, National Cancer Institute, NIH, MD Paul Ong, University of California, Los Angeles, CA <i>"Health Inequality and the Urban Spatial Structure"</i></p> <p>Leonard Syme, University of California Berkeley, CA <i>"Disparities in Low Socioeconomic Status Populations - We Need to Focus on the Right Targets and We Need to Care"</i></p> <p>Carlos Mendes de Leon, Rush University Medical Center, IL <i>"Racial Disparities in Health among Lower SES Older Adults, and the Potential for Solutions through Public Policy"</i></p>
III	B18	CH A-B	UNDERSTANDING AND ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES IN ASIAN AMERICAN POPULATIONS	<p>MODERATOR: Moon Chen, University of California, Davis, CA Moon Chen, University of California, Davis, CA <i>"Data Availability & Limitations to Address Health Disparities among Asian Americans"</i></p> <p>Ninez Ponce, University of California, Los Angeles, CA <i>"Coverage and its Linkage to Reducing Health Disparities in Asian America"</i></p> <p>Grace Ma, Temple University, PA <i>"Health Disparities and Interventions: From Science to Practice in Asian Communities"</i></p> <p>Tung Nguyen, University of California, San Francisco, CA <i>"Community-Based Participatory Research as a Method to Understand and Change Asian American Health Disparities"</i></p>



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III	B19	CH 6	UNDERSTANDING AND ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES IN LESBIAN/GAY/BISEXUAL/TRANSGENDERED POPULATIONS	<p>MODERATOR: Jury Candelario, Asian Pacific AIDS Intervention Team, CA Scott Rhades, Wake Forest University, NC <i>"Exploring HIV Risk among Immigrant Latina Gay Men and MSM in the Rural Southeastern US: Preliminary Findings from Iterative In-depth Interviews"</i></p> <p>Tania Israel, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA <i>"Eliminating Mental Health Disparities for LGBT Individuals through Services, Interventions and Policies"</i></p> <p>Deborah Bowen, Boston University, MA <i>"Cancer Disparities in LGBT Populations"</i></p> <p>Jesus Ramirez-Valles, University of Illinois at Chicago, IL <i>"Examining Sexual Minorities' Health Disparities: The Case of Stigma among Latinos"</i></p>
III	B20	CH 1	UNDERSTANDING AND ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES IN ELDERLY POPULATIONS	<p>MODERATOR: Michele K. Evans, NIA Anita Stewart, University of California, San Francisco, CA <i>"Recruiting Minority, Lower-income, Spanish-Speaking Adults for Health Disparities Research: A Multi-Phased Strategy in a Randomized Trial of a Community-Based Diabetes Risk Reduction Program"</i></p> <p>Carol Mangione, University of California, Los Angeles, CA <i>"Barriers to Participation in Clinical Research for Minority Elders"</i></p> <p>Peggye Dilworth-Anderson, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC <i>"Health Disparities and Dementia Care in Diverse Groups"</i></p> <p>Keith Whitfield, Duke University, NC <i>"The Impact of Poor Health on Cognitive Functioning in Older African Americans: Risks and Protective Effects"</i></p>
III	B21*	CH C	UNDERSTANDING BEHAVIORAL AND PSYCHOSOCIAL RISK FACTORS TOWARD ELIMINATING PREGNANCY OUTCOMES DISPARITIES IN WOMEN	<p>MODERATOR: Michele Kiely, NICHD Michele Kiely, The Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, NIH, MD <i>"Project DC HOPE: A Randomized Clinical Trial to Evaluate an Integrated Behavioral Intervention Addressing Psychosocial Risks in Minority Women"</i></p> <p>Kathy Katz, Georgetown University, Washington DC <i>"An Integrated Intervention to Address Multiple Behavioral and Psychosocial Risk Factors among Pregnant African American Women: Design, Implementation and Acceptability"</i></p> <p>Nabil El-Khorazaty, RTI International, MD <i>"Recruitment and Retention of Low Income Minority Women in a Behavioral Intervention to Reduce Smoking, Depression and Intimate Partner Violence During Pregnancy"</i></p> <p>Jill Joseph, George Washington Children's National Medical Center, Washington DC <i>"Clinic-based Integrated Counseling Reduces Psychosocial/Behavioral Risk Factors: Results of a Multi-Site Intervention Randomized Trial of High Risk Pregnant African American Women"</i></p> <p>Ayman El-Mahandes, George Washington University, Washington DC <i>"An Integrated Intervention in Pregnant African Americans Reduces Post Partum Risk: A Randomized Trial"</i></p>



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III	B22*	CH 9	UNDERSTANDING AND ELIMINATING CHILD AND ADOLESCENT HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Yvonne Bronner, Morgan State University, MD</p> <p>Deena Chisolm, The Ohio State University College of Medicine, OH <i>"Improving Recognition of and Response to Adolescent Substance use in Pediatric Primary Care"</i></p> <p>Michelle Eakin, Johns Hopkins University, MD <i>"Determinants of Ambulatory Health Care Visits for Asthma in Inner-City Preschool Children"</i></p> <p>Sylvie Naar-King, Deborah Ellis, Wayne State University, MI <i>"Multisystemic Therapy to Improve Chronic Illness Management in High Risk Youth: Best Practices for Minority Adolescents"</i></p> <p>Maria Trent, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, MD <i>"Results of a Randomized Controlled Trial of a Brief Behavioral Intervention for Pelvic Inflammatory Disease in Adolescents"</i></p>

TRACK FOUR - BUILDING CAPACITY

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IV	B23	NH 6	THE ROLE OF COMPREHENSIVE CENTERS IN CAPACITY-BUILDING TOWARDS ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Shelia McClure, NCRR</p> <p>Angela Ford, University of Pittsburgh, PA <i>"Engaging Communities, Building Trust, and Promoting Health among African Americans"</i></p> <p>Mario de La Rosa, Florida International University, FL <i>"Lessons Learned in the Development of a Research Center in a Hispanic-Serving University"</i></p> <p>Michael Fine, VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System and Philadelphia VA Medical Center, PA</p> <p>Debra Wallace, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, NC <i>"Teamwork in Research and Intervention to Alleviate Disparities"</i></p>
IV	B24	NH 7	SUPPORTING K-12 EDUCATION IN CAPACITY-BUILDING TOWARDS ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Dorkina Myrick, NCI</p> <p>Sandra Daley, University of California, San Diego, CA <i>"K-12 Education: Capacity-Building Through Program Evaluation"</i></p> <p>Lovell Jones, University of Texas, TX <i>"A Comprehensive Approach for Addressing Science Education in Underrepresented Populations"</i></p> <p>J. Michael Wyss, University of Alabama, AL <i>"Effective Inquiry-based Education as a Vehicle of Change: Reducing Health Disparities"</i></p>

TRACK FIVE - PARTNERSHIPS, COLLABORATIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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V	B25	NH 12	THE ROLE OF FOUNDATIONS IN ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Faith Mitchell, Grantmakers in Health, Washington, DC</p> <p>Debra Perez, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, NJ <i>"New Connections: Increasing Diversity of RWJF Programming"</i></p> <p>Marion Standish, The California Endowment, CA</p> <p>Marsha Lillie-Blanton, Kaiser Family Foundation, Washington DC</p> <p>Marc Nivet, Josiah Macy Foundation, NY</p>



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POSTER PRESENTATIONS - 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM (SUMMIT DAY ONE CONTINUED)

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PLENARY SESSION TWO (SUMMIT DAY TWO)

TIME	SESSION	MODERATORS/SPEAKERS
8:00 AM – 8:30 AM	PERSPECTIVES ON HEALTH CARE REFORM: ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES	KEYNOTE: Governor Howard Dean MD, Chairman, Democratic National Committee
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	HEALTH DISPARITIES AND THE INTERSECTION OF SCIENCE AND PRACTICE	MODERATOR: Barbara Alving, NCRR KEYNOTE: Howard Koh, Harvard School of Public Health, MA Nina Wallerstein, University of New Mexico, NM Giselle Carbie-Smith, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC Mario De La Rosa, Florida International University, FL <i>"Health Disparity Research with Latino Populations: Advances and Future Directions"</i>
10:15 AM – 11:45 AM	HEALTH DISPARITIES AND THE INTERSECTION OF SCIENCE, POLICY AND PRACTICE	MODERATOR: Stephen Katz, NIAMS KEYNOTE: David Williams, Harvard University, MA <i>"Social and Economic Policies for Reducing Health Disparities"</i> Meredith Minkler, University of California, Berkeley, CA Margarita Alegría, Harvard Medical School, MA David Takeuchi, University of Washington, WA <i>"Creating, Maintaining, and Blurring the Boundaries of Science, Policy and Practice"</i>
11:45 AM – 12:15 PM	POLICY IMPLICATIONS FOR ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES	KEYNOTE: The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings, United States Congress, Washington, DC
12:15 PM – 1:15 PM	LUNCH ON YOUR OWN AND NETWORKING	

BREAKOUT SESSION C - 1:15 PM – 2:45 PM

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I	C1	NH 2	UNDERSTANDING THE ROLE OF DISCRIMINATION, RACISM, AND STRESS IN ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES	MODERATOR: Peter Kaufmann, NHLBI Brian Smedley, Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, Washington, DC Camara Jones, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, GA Joseph Gilbert, Assembly of First Nations, Ottawa, ON Canada <i>"From Disparity to Equity"</i>



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I	C2	NH 3	UNDERSTANDING THE ROLE OF SOCIAL NETWORKS IN ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: J. Taylor Harden, NIA Sean Joe, University of Michigan, MI Ana Navarro, University of California, San Diego, CA <i>"Trust in Social Networks: The Heart of a Latino Community Health Advisor Program to Eliminate Cancer Disparities"</i> Marino Bruce, Meharry Medical College, TN <i>"The Strength of Weak Ties: Implications for Stress Research for African American Men"</i></p>
I	C3	NH 4	UNDERSTANDING THE ROLE OF COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS IN ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Michelle Proser, National Association of Community Health Centers, Washington DC Margaret Hargreaves, Meharry Medical College, TN <i>"The Meharry Medical College-Community Health Center Community Networks Program: A Community-Based Participatory Model to Decrease Health Disparities"</i> William Blot, Vanderbilt University, TN <i>"The Southern Community Cohort Study: Community Health Centers Combine to Investigate the Causes of Cancer, Other Chronic Diseases and their Disparities"</i> Michelle Proser, National Association of Community Health Centers , MD <i>"The Role of Community Health Centers in Addressing Health Disparities: Past, Present, and Future"</i></p>
I	C4	NH 11	SCIENCE AND POLICY TO REDUCE HEALTH DISPARITIES: THE WORK OF THE KNOWLEDGE NETWORKS OF THE WHO COMMISSION ON THE SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH	<p>MODERATOR: Paula Braveman, University of California, San Francisco, CA Vilma Santana, Federal University of Bahia, Brazil Heidi Bart Johnston, International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh Arjumand Siddiqi, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, NC <i>"Fostering Equity in Early Child Development Builds Equity in Health across the Life Course"</i> Jennie Popay, University of Lancaster, UK</p>
I	C5	NH 6	UNDERSTANDING THE ROLE OF GENE-ENVIRONMENT INTERACTIONS IN ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Sheila Caldwell, NCCAM Sandra Lee, Stanford University, CA Maureen Lichtveld, Tulane University, LA <i>"Gene-Environment Interactions: Incompatible with Community-Based Participatory Research?"</i> Edith Parker, University of Michigan, MI <i>"Community Action Against Asthma: A Community-Academic Research Partnership to Identify and Reduce Environmental Triggers for Asthma in Detroit, Michigan"</i> Charles Rotimi, National Human Genome Research Institute, NIH, MD</p>



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I	C6*	NH 10	THE ROLE OF HEALTH LITERACY IN ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Cindy Brach, AHRQ, MD</p> <p>Rebecca Sudore, University of California, San Francisco, CA <i>"Unraveling the Relationship Between Literacy, English Proficiency and Physician-Patient Communication"</i></p> <p>Debra Roter, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, MD <i>"Oral literacy Demand of Prenatal Genetic Counseling Dialogue: Predictors of Learning among Analogue Patients with Restricted and Adequate Literacy Skills"</i></p> <p>Michael Wolf, Northwestern University, Chicago, IL <i>In Search of Low Health Literacy: Threshold versus Gradient Effect of Literacy on Health Status and Mortality</i></p> <p>Angelo Volandes, Massachusetts General Hospital, MA <i>"The VIDEO Study: Video Images of Disease for Ethical Outcomes"</i></p> <p>Drenna Waldrap, University of Miami School of Medicine, FL <i>"Health Literacy and Medication Management among African American HIV Patients"</i></p>
I	C7*	CH D	THE ROLE OF POPULATION AND INDIVIDUAL LEVEL DATA IN ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Emmanuel Taylor, NCI</p> <p>Richard Warnecke, University of Illinois at Chicago, IL <i>"The Importance of Population and Individual Level Data in Understanding and Addressing Disparities"</i></p> <p>Katherine Tucker, Tufts University, MA <i>"The Boston Puerto-Rican Health Study: From Cells to Society"</i></p> <p>Sarah Gehlert, University of Chicago, IL <i>"Neighborhood and Community Level Influences on Psychosocial Functioning and Biological Stress among African American Women with Breast Cancer"</i></p> <p>Timothy Rebbeck, University of Pennsylvania, PA <i>"Multilevel Analysis of Genotype and Neighborhood Effects in Prostate Cancer Outcomes"</i></p>

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II	C8	CH I	UNDERSTANDING AND ELIMINATING ORAL HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Ruth Nowjack-Raymer, NIDCR</p> <p>R. Gary Razier, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, NC <i>"The Role of Primary Care Medical Providers in Addressing Oral Health Disparities: Statewide Initiatives in North Carolina for Children from Birth to Five (5) Years of Age"</i></p> <p>Amid Ismail, University of Michigan, MI <i>"Perspectives on Understanding and Eliminating Oral Health Disparities"</i></p> <p>Jane Weintraub, University of California, San Francisco, CA <i>"The UCSF CAN DO Center: Integrating Science, Practice, and Policy for the Elimination of Oral Health Disparities Among Young Children"</i></p> <p>Adeala Olufalake Jaiyeola, Northern Plains Tribal Epidemiology Center, SD <i>"Oral Health Disparity in American Indian Children: Translating Science into Action"</i></p>
II	C9	CH 9	UNDERSTANDING AND ELIMINATING INFANT MORTALITY HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Tanse Raju, NICHD</p> <p>Michael Lu, University of California, Los Angeles, CA</p> <p>Diane Rowley, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, NC</p> <p>James Collins, Northwestern University, IL</p> <p>Paul Wise, Stanford University, CA <i>"Respecting the Complex Dynamics of Lifecourse Contributions to Infant Mortality"</i></p>



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II	C10	CH G-H	UNDERSTANDING AND ELIMINATING CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE AND STROKE HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: John Flack, Wayne State University, MI</p> <p>Gary Gibbons, Morehouse School of Medicine Cardiovascular Research Institute, GA</p> <p>Amy Schulz, University of Michigan, MI; Sheryl Weir, Michigan Department of Community Health, MI</p> <p><i>"Walk Your Heart to Health: Results from a Community-Based Participatory Planning and Pilot Project to Address Cardiovascular Health Disparities"</i></p> <p>Gbenga Ogedegbe, Columbia University, NY</p> <p><i>"Sources of Disparities in Hypertension Control"</i></p> <p>John Flack, Wayne State University, MI</p> <p><i>"Overview of Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke Health Disparities"</i> (moderator)</p>
II	C11	CH 11-12	UNDERSTANDING AND ELIMINATING CERVICAL AND OVARIAN CANCER HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Phil Castle, NCI</p> <p>Claudia Baquet, University of Maryland, MD</p> <p>Edward Partridge, University of Alabama at Birmingham, AL</p> <p><i>"Racial Disparities in Outcomes for Ovarian Cancer - From Biology to Treatment"</i></p> <p>Dineo Khabele, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, TN</p> <p>Tung Nguyen, University of California San Francisco, CA</p> <p><i>"Understanding and Addressing the Cervical Cancer Disparity Among Vietnamese Americans"</i></p>
II	C12	CH 7-8	UNDERSTANDING AND ELIMINATING HIV/AIDS HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Victoria Cargill, OD, NIH</p> <p>Beny Primm, Addiction Research and Treatment Corporation, NY</p> <p><i>"Eliminating Health Disparities in HIV/AIDS"</i></p> <p>Carmen Zorrilla, University of Puerto Rico, PR</p> <p><i>"HIV-Related Health Disparities in Puerto Rico: Understanding the Issues"</i></p> <p>Vickie Mays, University of California, Los Angeles, CA</p> <p><i>"The Next Decade of the HIV Epidemic: Southern United States or South Africa?"</i></p> <p>Donna Mildvan, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, NY</p> <p><i>"Exploring behavioral intervention strategies to improve rates of screening for AIDS clinical trials among racial/ethnic minority and female persons living with HIV/AIDS - Part I (The ACT1 Project)"</i></p> <p>Mayra Viorst Gwadz, Institute for AIDS Research, National Development and Research Institutes, Inc., NY</p> <p><i>"Exploring behavioral intervention strategies to improve rates of screening for AIDS clinical trials among racial/ethnic minority and female persons living with HIV/AIDS - Part II (The ACT2 Project)"</i></p>
II	C13	CH E	UNDERSTANDING AND ELIMINATING SUBSTANCE ABUSE HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Alan Trachtenberg, Indian Health Service</p> <p>Dennis Donovan, University of Washington, WA</p> <p>Jean Bonhamme, Morehouse School of Medicine, GA</p> <p><i>"Demographic Disparities in Substance Use-Associated Infectious Diseases"</i></p> <p>Marguerita Lightfoot, University of California, San Francisco, CA</p> <p>Anita Fernander, University of Kentucky, KY</p> <p><i>"Understanding and Eliminating Tobacco Health Disparities"</i></p>



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II	C14*	CH 2-3	UNDERSTANDING AND ELIMINATING DIABETES AND OBESITY HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Sanford Garfield, NIDDK</p> <p>Siabhan Maty, Portland State University, OR <i>"Diabetes Risk, Prevention and Treatment within the Latino and Chinese Communities: A Pilot Project from Portland, Oregon"</i></p> <p>Daheia Barr-Anderson, University of Minnesota, MN <i>"Association between Television Viewing and Eating Behaviors in African-American and Latino Youth"</i></p> <p>Mary Murimi, Louisiana Technical University, LA <i>"Closing the Disparity Gap: Community-Based Health Outreach Project"</i></p> <p>Kapuaola Gellert, Kaunakakai, HI <i>"Ke 'Ano Olo: Moloko'i's Community-based Healthy Lifestyle Program"</i></p> <p>Fahina Pasi, National Tongan American Society, UT <i>"Understanding Obesity: Cultural Context and Definitions of Attractive and Health Body Types for Pacific Islanders"</i></p>

TRACK THREE - HEALTH DISPARITY TARGET POPULATIONS

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III	C15	CH 4-5	UNDERSTANDING AND ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES IN HISPANIC/LATINO POPULATIONS	<p>MODERATOR: Maria Canta, NCI</p> <p>Lourdes Baezconde-Garbanati, University of Southern California, CA <i>"Closing the Gap in the Elimination of Health Disparities among Hispanic Women and Children"</i></p> <p>Charles Martinez, Oregon Social Learning Center, OR <i>"Linking Acculturation to Behavioral Health Outcomes among Latino Families in Emerging Communities"</i></p> <p>Margarita Alegría, Harvard Medical School, MA <i>"A Patience Activation Intervention to Improve Latinos Engagement and Retention in Mental Health Care"</i></p> <p>Isabel Scarinci, University of Alabama, AL <i>"Cancer Prevention and Control among Hispanics/Latinos: How Much Progress Have We Made to Eliminate Disparities? What Will It Take To Get There?"</i></p>
III	C16	CH 6	UNDERSTANDING AND ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES IN THE US PACIFIC	<p>MODERATOR: Nia Aitaata, Papa Ola Lokahi, HI</p> <p>Stevenson Kuartei, Bureau of Public Health, Palau, PW</p> <p>Patrick Lutes, Guam Department of Health, GU</p> <p>Father Ryan Jimenez, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands</p> <p>Nia Aitaata, Papa Ola Lokahi, HI</p>
III	C17	CH 1	UNDERSTANDING AND ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES IN THE PRISON POPULATIONS	<p>MODERATOR: Denise Juliano-Bolt, NIMH</p> <p>Susan Loeb, Pennsylvania State University, PA <i>"A Three-Faceted Approach to Improving Inmate Health: Promoting Health Self-Efficacy, Enhancing Provider Responsiveness, and Re-evaluating Prison Health Policies"</i></p> <p>Newton Kendig, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Health Services Division, Washington DC</p> <p>James Thamas, University of North Carolina, NC</p> <p>Ingrid Binswanger, University of Colorado, CO <i>"How do Transitions from Prison to the Community Impact Health Disparities?"</i></p>



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III	C18	CH F	UNDERSTANDING AND ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES IN WOMEN	<p>MODERATOR: Janine Austin Clayton, ORWH/OD</p> <p>Stacie Geller, University of Illinois at Chicago, IL <i>"Health Disparities in Maternal Mortality and Morbidity"</i></p> <p>Michelle Berlin, Oregon Health and Science University, OR <i>"Women's Health Report Card: Where Are We Now?"</i></p> <p>Martha Medrano, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, TX <i>"Health Disparities in Minority Women"</i></p>
III	C19	CH A-B	UNDERSTANDING AND ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES IN ASIAN AMERICAN POPULATIONS	<p>MODERATOR: Belinda Seta, NIBIB</p> <p>Suhaila Khan, Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum, CA <i>"Using a Non-traditional Data Source to Identify and Address Health Disparities in Asian American Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (AA&NHPI) Communities"</i></p> <p>Jae Hyun (Julia) Lee, Center for Pan Asian Community Services, Inc. GA <i>"Let There Be Access: Using Results of Needs Assessment Studies to Develop Capacity of Community Based Organizations in Georgia to Address Health Disparities"</i></p> <p>Furjen Deng, Sam Houston State University, TX <i>"Houston Asian American Health Collaborative (HAAHC) Improves Quality of Life Among Chinese Cancer Patients"</i></p> <p>Michael Byun, Ohio Asian American Health Coalition, OH <i>"Strengthening Regional Asian and Pacific Islander American Health Collaboratives through a Statewide Framework"</i></p>
III	C20*	CH C	UNDERSTANDING AND ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES IN RURAL POPULATIONS	<p>MODERATOR: Thomas Brady, NIDA</p> <p>Margaret Miles, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC Diane Holditch-Davis, Duke University, NC <i>"Process Evaluation of a Nursing Support Intervention with Rural African American Mothers with Preterm Infants"</i></p> <p>Caryl Waggett, Allegheny University, PA <i>"Elevated Childhood Lead Poisoning in Rural Low-income and Minority Populations: Overlooked High-Risk Regions need Screening and Risk Reduction Interventions"</i></p> <p>Mark Dignan, University of Kentucky, KY <i>"Increasing Community Capacity to Reduce Health Disparities at the Local Level Through Research"</i></p> <p>Sahini Sengupta, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC <i>"HIV/AIDS Stigma as a Barrier to Recruitment in AIDS Clinical Trials in Rural Southeastern Communities in the United States"</i></p>

TRACK FOUR - BUILDING CAPACITY

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IV	C21	CH J-K	THE ROLE OF STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENTS IN ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Aleta Meyer, NIDA</p> <p>John Auerbach, State of Massachusetts Department of Public Health, MA <i>"Concrete Steps State Health Departments Can Take to Eliminate Health Disparities"</i></p> <p>Mike Royster, Virginia Department of Health, VA <i>"Advancing Health Equity in the Commonwealth of Virginia"</i></p> <p>Carlessia Hussein, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, MD <i>"A State's Solution to Minority Health Disparities: A Systems Integration Model"</i></p>



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IV	C22	NH 7	SUPPORTING UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION IN CAPACITY-BUILDING TOWARDS ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Ed Ramas, NHGRI</p> <p>Isaiah Warner, Louisiana State University, LA <i>"Broadening Participation in STEM Disciplines through Successful Models for Creating and Sustaining Diversity"</i></p> <p>Timothy Turner, Tuskegee University, AL <i>"HBCUs: An Untapped Resource in the Fight Against Health Disparities"</i></p> <p>Gary King, Pennsylvania State University, PA <i>"Global Health and Health Disparities Research: Training of Minority Students"</i></p> <p>Richard Lichtenstein, University of Michigan, MI <i>"A Summer Program for Undergraduate Students Interested in Eliminating Health Disparities: The University of Michigan Experience"</i></p>
IV	C23	NH 5	SUPPORTING YOUNG INVESTIGATORS IN CAPACITY-BUILDING TOWARDS ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: James Hebert, South Carolina Statewide Cancer Prevention and Control Program, University of South Carolina, Columbia</p> <p>James Hebert, South Carolina Statewide Cancer Prevention and Control Program, University of South Carolina, Columbia <i>"How to Have Fun, Save The World, and Have a Viable Career in Facing the Challenges of Health Disparities"</i></p> <p>Rosemary Gibbons, University of Washington, WA</p> <p>Jahn Luque, Moffitt Cancer Center, FL <i>"Community-Based Research on Cancer Health Disparities in Central Florida: Two Projects Using Lay Health Adviser Interventions"</i></p> <p>Janet Frank, University of California, Los Angeles, CA <i>"The Resource Centers for Minority Aging Research (RCMAR)"</i></p>

TRACK FIVE - PARTNERSHIPS, COLLABORATIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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V	C24	NH 13	THE ROLE OF FEDERAL PARTNERS ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Larrita Watsan, NCMHD</p> <p>Cecilia Rivera Casale, Agency for Health Care Research and Quality, HHS, MD</p> <p>Benedict Truman, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, GA</p> <p>Garth Graham, Office of Minority Health, HHS, MD</p> <p>Phillip Smith, Indian Health Service, HHS, MD</p>
V	C25	NH 12	THE ROLE OF FEDERAL PARTNERS ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Idalia Sanchez, NCMHD</p> <p>Devon Payne-Surges, Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC</p> <p>Mark Grider, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC</p> <p>Leonard Haynes, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, DC</p> <p>Kellina Craig-Hendersan, National Science Foundation, VA</p>



BREAKOUT SESSION D - 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM
TRACK ONE - TRANSLATING SCIENCE TO POLICY AND PRACTICE

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I	D1	NH 4	UNDERSTANDING THE ROLE OF PATIENT-PROVIDER COMMUNICATION IN ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Paul Catton, NINR Lisa Cooper, Johns Hopkins University, MD <i>"Understanding the Role of Patient-Physician Communication in Healthcare Disparities: Probing Beneath the Surface to Develop Real World, Sustainable Solutions"</i></p> <p>Samnath Saha, Oregon Health and Science University, OR <i>"Race, Culture, and the Patient-Provider Relationship"</i></p> <p>Quyen Nga-Metzger, University of California, Irvine, CA <i>"Health Disparities among Asian and Latina Patients: The Role of Language and Cultural Barriers"</i></p>
I	D2	NH 5	THE ROLE OF QUALITY IMPROVEMENT IN ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Dennis Andrulis, Drexel University, PA Dennis Andrulis, Drexel University, PA Thomas LaVeist, Johns Hopkins University, MD Rhonda Maare Johnson, Integrated Clinical Services Highmark, Inc. PA <i>"The Role of Quality Improvement in Eliminating Health Disparities: Translating Theory Into Action"</i></p> <p>Ernest Moy, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, MD <i>"The Role of Quality Improvement in Eliminating Health Disparities: Lessons from the National Healthcare Quality and Disparities Reports"</i></p>
I	D3	NH 6	UNDERSTANDING THE ROLE OF SOCIAL MARKETING IN ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Lenara Johnson, NCI Gwendalyn Quinn, Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute, FL <i>"Audience Segmentation Strategies for Identifying a Target Audience: The Use of Social Marketing to Reduce Health Disparities"</i></p> <p>K. 'Vish' Viswanath, Harvard School of Public Health, MA Penny La, Hmong Women's Heritage Association, CA, <i>"Kashia Health Program"</i></p> <p>Elmer Huerta, Washington Hospital Center, Washington DC</p>
I	D4	CH J-K	FOSTERING DIVERSITY IN CLINICAL AND COMMUNITY RESEARCH PARTICIPATION TO ELIMINATE HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Carmen L. Rasa, NIDA Claudia Baquet, University of Maryland, MD <i>"Maryland Models Which Address Diversity in Clinical and Community Research Participation"</i></p> <p>Mano Fouad, University of Alabama, AL Armin Weinberg, Baylor College of Medicine, TX <i>"The Case for Eliminating Disparities in Clinical Trials"</i></p>
I	D5	NH 11	COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVES ON UNDERSTANDING AND ELIMINATING GLOBAL HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Gary King, Penn State University, PA Manuel Carballa, International Centre for Migration and Health, Switzerland Jessie Mbwamba, Muhimbili University College of Health Sciences, Tanzania Isabella Annesi-Maesana, INSERM and Université Pierre et Marie Curie, France</p>



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I	D6*	NH 10	THE ROLE OF HEALTH LITERACY IN ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Lynn Havercos, NICHD</p> <p>Stacy Bailey, Northwestern University, Chicago, IL <i>"Availability of Spanish Prescription Drug Labels: A National Survey"</i></p> <p>Andrea Apter, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia <i>"Attention to Numeracy May Reduce Health Disparities in Moderate to Severe Asthma"</i></p> <p>Timothy Bickmore, Northeastern University, MA <i>"Addressing Low Health Literacy with Animated Computer Agents"</i></p> <p>Susmita Pati, The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, PA <i>"Is Maternal Health Literacy Associated with Participation in Child Social Welfare Programs?"</i></p>
I	D7*	NH 2	UNDERSTANDING THE ROLE OF DISCRIMINATION, RACISM, AND STRESS IN ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Salma Shariff-Marco, NCI</p> <p>Kirsten Bibbins-Domingo, University of California, San Francisco, CA <i>"Black Race And Hypertension Are Strong Predictors Of Premature Heart Failure: The Cardio Study"</i></p> <p>Jae Eun Lee, Jackson State University, MS <i>"Protective Factors in Reducing Depressive Symptoms Related to Racial Discrimination among African American Adults: The Jackson Heart Study"</i></p> <p>Akika Hasler, University of Albany, NY <i>"Residential Segregation and Disparities in Food Resources in Urban Communities"</i></p> <p>Derek Griffith, University of Michigan, MI <i>"Racism and Racial Disparities in Diabetes Management and Outcomes"</i></p> <p>Salma Shariff-Marco, National Cancer Institute, MD <i>"Development of a Measure of Self-reported Racial/Ethnic Discrimination for a Multicultural Health Survey: A Mixed Methods Approach"</i></p>
I	D8*	NH 3	UNDERSTANDING THE ROLE OF HEALTH DISPARITIES RESEARCH WITHIN COMMUNITY AND FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS	<p>MODERATOR: Marian Johnson-Thompson, NIEHS</p> <p>Neil Calman, Institute for Family Health, NY <i>"Community and Faith-Based Organizations Research Discrimination in the Health Care System"</i></p> <p>Giselle Carbie-Smith, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, NC <i>"Health Disparities Research and the Role of Black Churches"</i></p> <p>Marcella Fard, Medical University of South Carolina, SC <i>"Evaluating a Faith-Based Cancer Education Program for African American Women in Coastal South Carolina"</i></p> <p>Cheryl Halt, University of Maryland, MD <i>"Evaluation of a Spiritually-Based Intervention to Increase Colorectal Cancer Knowledge and Screening among Church-Attending African Americans and Whites"</i></p>
I	D9*	CH D	THE ROLE OF HEALTH LITERACY IN ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Jeff Caballero, Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations, CA</p> <p>Miyang Kim, Johns Hopkins University, MD <i>"Understanding the Role of Health Literacy in Eliminating Health Disparities among Immigrant Populations"</i></p> <p>Nancy Marris, The University of Vermont, VT <i>"Older Adults with Diabetes Experience a Significant Decrease in Health Literacy Over a 2-year Period of Time"</i></p> <p>Zarya Rubin, Transcendent International, LLC, NY <i>"The A.C.T. System: Healthcare-Focused Language Study Software"</i></p> <p>Suzanne Christopher, Montana State University, MT <i>"Health Communication in Community Health Settings"</i></p>



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II	D10	CH 11-12	UNDERSTANDING AND ELIMINATING BREAST CANCER HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Erica Breslau, NCI</p> <p>Lavell Jones, University of Texas, TX <i>"African American Nutrition for Life (NuLIFE) - A Comprehensive Research Model to Understanding Breast Cancer Disparities."</i></p> <p>Ronda Henry-Tillman, University of Arkansas for Medical Services, AR</p> <p>Linda Burhansstipanov, Native American Cancer Initiatives, CO</p> <p>Suzanne Conzen, University of Chicago, IL <i>"Breast Cancer Health Disparities: Developing a Model to Study Environment Gene Interactions"</i></p>
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II	D11	CH 2-3	UNDERSTANDING AND ELIMINATING DIABETES AND OBESITY HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Lawrence Agodaa, NIDDK</p> <p>Yvette Roubideaux, University of Arizona, AR</p> <p>Barbara Howard, MedStar Research Institute, MD <i>"Controlling LDL and Blood Pressure to Reduce Cardiovascular Risk in American Indians with Diabetes"</i></p> <p>Arleen Brown, University of California, Los Angeles, CA</p>
II	D12	CH E	UNDERSTANDING AND ELIMINATING MENTAL HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Carmen Moten, NIMH</p> <p>Guillermo Bernal, University of Puerto Rico, PR <i>"Optimizing Cognitive Behavioral Therapy in the Treatment of Depressed Latina Adolescents: Family Involvement Moderated by Comorbidity"</i></p> <p>David Takeuchi, University of Washington, WA <i>"Space, Place, and Mental Health: Investigating the Effects of Ethnic Density and Residential Isolation"</i></p> <p>James Jackson, University of Michigan, MI <i>"Disentangling Race, Immigration, Culture and Ethnicity (R.I.C.E.) Effects on Mental Disorder Disparities"</i></p> <p>Deborah Dobransky-Fasiska, University of Pittsburgh, PA <i>"Community-Academic Partnerships using CBPR to Reduce Disparities in Depression Care"</i></p>
II	D13	CH 7-8	UNDERSTANDING AND ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES IN IMMUNIZATION AND VACCINATION RATES	<p>MODERATOR: Diana S. Berard, NIAID</p> <p>Amy Groom, Indian Health Service, Immunization Services Division, CDC, NM <i>"Assessing Immunization Coverage for the American Indian/Alaska Native Population"</i></p> <p>Thomas Hennessy, Arctic Investigations Program, National Center for Preparedness, Detection and Control of Infectious Diseases, CDC, AK</p> <p>Anne Schuchat, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, CDC, GA <i>"How has 15 years of Vaccines for Children Program Reduced Disparities in Vaccine-Preventable Diseases and Immunization Coverage?"</i></p>



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II	D14	CH 4-5	UNDERSTANDING AND ELIMINATING CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE AND STROKE HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Patrice DesVigne Nickens, NHLBI George Howard, University of Alabama at Birmingham, AL <i>"Novel Epidemiological Approaches to Better Understand Racial and Geographic Disparities in Stroke (and heart disease): The Reasons for Geographic and Racial Differences in Stroke (REGARDS) Study."</i></p> <p>Herman Taylor, University of Mississippi Medical Center, MS <i>"The Jackson Heart Study"</i></p> <p>Larissa Aviles-Santa, National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, NIH, MD <i>"The Hispanic Community Health Study: Study of Latinos"</i></p>
II	D15*	CH F	UNDERSTANDING AND ELIMINATING SUBSTANCE ABUSE HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Lula Beatty, NIDA Manica Webb, University of Miami, FL <i>"The Relationship between Smoking-Related Physical Symptoms and Psychosocial Factors in Treatment Seeking African American Smokers"</i></p> <p>Daniel Santisteban, University of Miami, FL - El Centro <i>"Culturally Informed Family Therapy for Drug Use in Hispanic Adolescents: A Small Randomized Efficacy Treatment"</i></p> <p>Carmen Masson, University of California, San Francisco, CA <i>"Attitudes and Perceptions Among Ethnic Minority Drug Users In and Out-of Drug Treatment Regarding Access to HIV and Hepatitis C Screening and Care"</i></p> <p>Mesfin Mulatu, The MayaTech Corporation, GA <i>"Racial/Ethnic and Gender Disparities in Adolescent Placement Into Outpatient and Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Programs"</i></p>

TRACK THREE - HEALTH DISPARITY TARGET POPULATIONS

TRACK	NUMBER	ROOM	SESSION NAME	MODERATORS/SPEAKERS
III	D16	CH 6	UNDERSTANDING AND ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES IN AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE POPULATIONS	<p>MODERATOR: Jane Daye, NCI Spera Manson, University of Colorado, Denver, CO <i>"Wounded Spirits, Ailing Hearts: Addressing the Adverse Health Consequences of Trauma"</i></p> <p>Jeffrey Henderson, Black Hills Center for American Indian Health, Rapid City, SD <i>"Toward a Future of Good Health and Wellness: Cardiovascular Disease in American Indians"</i></p> <p>Brenda Seals, Native American Cancer Research, CO</p>
III	D17	CH C	UNDERSTANDING AND ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES IN IMMIGRANT POPULATIONS	<p>MODERATOR: Terry Huang, NICHD Rafael Lantigua, Columbia University, NY <i>"Understanding The Causes of Health Disparities in an Aging Immigrant Population: A 20-Year study of Alzheimer's Disease in an Urban Community"</i></p> <p>Francesca Gany, New York University School of Medicine, NY <i>"Eliminating the Language Barrier in Health Care: An Outcomes-Based Approach"</i></p> <p>Steven Wallace, University of California, Los Angeles, CA <i>"Access to Health Care Disparities for Adult and Elderly Immigrants from Mexico"</i></p>



TRACK	NUMBER	ROOM	SESSION NAME	MODERATORS/SPEAKERS
III	D18	CH A-B	UNDERSTANDING AND ELIMINATING CHILD AND ADOLESCENT HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Regina Smith James, NICHD</p> <p>Tina Cheng, Johns Hopkins University, MD <i>"Conceptualizing Child Health Disparities: Recommendations from a National Conference on Child Health Disparities"</i></p> <p>Renee Jenkins, Howard University, Washington, DC <i>"Conceptualizing Child Health Disparities: A Life Course Perspective"</i></p> <p>Marianne Hillemeier, Pennsylvania State University, PA <i>"Disparities in Children's Development: Findings from the Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Birth Cohort"</i></p> <p>John Thorp, University of North Carolina, NC <i>"Racial Disparities in Preterm Birth"</i></p>
III	D19	CH 1	UNDERSTANDING AND ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES IN MEN	<p>MODERATOR: Carl Hill, NICHD</p> <p>David Williams, Harvard University, MA <i>"The Health of Men: Structured Inequalities and Opportunities"</i></p> <p>Marian Gornick, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (retired), Washington, DC <i>"Health and Healthcare of Vulnerable Men: A Vital Lesson from the 2008 Presidential Campaign"</i></p> <p>Amos Smith, Community Action Agency of New Haven, Inc, CT <i>"Improving Men's Health: Transformation of Ideology and Focus"</i></p> <p>Jean Bonhomme, Morehouse School of Medicine, GA <i>"Men's Health Disparities: The Impact on Women, Children and Society"</i></p>
III	D20	CH 9	UNDERSTANDING AND ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES IN AFRICAN AMERICAN POPULATIONS	<p>MODERATOR: Hazel Dean, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, GA</p> <p>Dorothy Coverson, Emory University, GA <i>"Health Beliefs: A Risk Factor for Hypertension and Obesity in African American Women?"</i></p> <p>Carol Ferrans, University of Illinois at Chicago, IL <i>"Physician Distrust and Cancer Screening in African Americans"</i></p> <p>Von Neibitt, Howard University, Washington DC <i>"Community Correlates of Self-efficacy among African American Adolescent Males Living in Urban Public Housing Developments"</i></p> <p>Jamie Zoellner, The University of Southern Mississippi, MI <i>"Nutrition Literacy Status and Nutrition Communication Implications among Adults in the Lower Mississippi Delta"</i></p>

TRACK FOUR - BUILDING CAPACITY

TRACK	NUMBER	ROOM	SESSION NAME	MODERATORS/SPEAKERS
IV	D21	NH 13	SUPPORTING COMMUNITY CAMPUS PARTNERSHIPS IN CAPACITY-BUILDING TOWARDS ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Yvonne Maddox, NICHD</p> <p>Barbara Israel, University of Michigan, MI, Angela Reyes, Detroit Hispanic Development Corp., MI <i>"The Detroit Community-Academic Urban Research Center: A Community-Based Participatory Research Partnership Aimed at Addressing Health Disparities"</i></p> <p>Laurie Bauman, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, NY <i>"Power Sharing in Youth-Led Community-Campus Partnerships"</i></p> <p>Joseph Keawe'aimoku Kaholokula, University of Hawaii at Manoa, HI <i>"Rethinking Science and Rebuilding Communities: The PILI 'Ohono Project"</i></p>



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IV	D22	CH I	BUILDING THE PIPELINE TO ELIMINATE HEALTH DISPARITIES. THE LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM (LRP) RESEARCH FORUM	<p>MODERATOR: Robert Nettey, NCMHD Nadia Islam, New York University, NY <i>"Documenting Evidence of Diabetes Disparities in the New York City Bangladeshi Community: The DREAM Project"</i></p> <p>Alfee Breland-Noble, Duke University, NC <i>"Research and Treatment Engagement with African American Adolescents and Families: Evidence from The AAKOMA Project"</i></p> <p>Eleanor Gil-Kashiwabara, Portland State University, OR <i>"Strengthening the Family Circle: American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) Children's Mental Health Needs in an Urban Community"</i></p> <p>Brian Rivers, University of South Florida Moffitt Cancer Center, FL Randall Sell, Drexel University, PA</p>
IV	D23	CH G-H	SUPPORTING GRADUATE EDUCATION IN CAPACITY-BUILDING TOWARDS ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Diane Adger-Johnson, NIAID Marjorie Mau, University of Hawaii, HI Gayle Slaughter, Baylor College of Medicine, TX <i>"Enhancing Diversity Among U.S. Biomedical Ph.D. Researchers"</i></p> <p>Bill Jenkins, Morehouse School of Medicine, GA Robert Valdez, University of New Mexico, NM</p>

TRACK FIVE - PARTNERSHIPS, COLLABORATIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES

TRACK	NUMBER	ROOM	SESSION NAME	MODERATORS/SPEAKERS
V	D24	NH 7	UNDERSTANDING THE ROLE OF FEDERAL PARTNERSHIP IN ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: DeLoris Hunter, NCMHD Gerald Cross, Department of Veterans Affairs, Washington, DC Robert Post, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC Jon Gant, US Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington, DC</p>
V	D25	NH 12	UNDERSTANDING THE ROLE OF HEALTH MEDICAL PARTNERS IN ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES	<p>MODERATOR: Derrick Tabar, NCMHD Sandra Gadson, National Medical Association, Washington, DC Adolph Falcan, National Alliance for Hispanic Health, Washington, DC Ted Mala, Southcentral Foundation, AK Ha Tran, Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum, CA</p>

POSTER PRESENTATIONS - 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

SESSION

POSTER AND EXHIBITORS SESSIONS

AWARDS RECEPTION - 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

SESSION

RECEPTION



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AWARDS BANQUET - 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM (SUMMIT DAY TWO CONTINUED)

CO-HOSTS

Susan Dentzer, Editor-in-Chief, *Health Affairs*, MD

Nancy Giles, CBS News, NY

PLENARY SESSION THREE (SUMMIT DAY THREE)

TIME	SESSION	MODERATORS/SPEAKERS
8:00 AM – 8:30 AM	SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY	Evelyn Lewis, Pfizer, NY
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	THE ROLE OF MEDIA AND POLICY IN ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES	MODERATOR: George Strait, NCMHD Claudia Baquet, University of Maryland, MD Tim Johnson, ABC News, NY David Satcher, The Satcher Health Leadership Institute, Morehouse School of Medicine, GA Raj Shah, Capital Technology Information Services (CTIS) Brian Smedley, Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, Washington, DC Elmer Huerta, Washington Hospital Center, Washington, DC
10:00 – 12:00 NOON	TOWN HALL MEETING	MODERATOR: George Strait, NCMHD
12:00 NOON – 12:30 PM	CLOSING CEREMONY	John Ruffin, Director, National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities, NIH, MD



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**MARGARITA ALEGRÍA,
PH.D.**

Professor
Harvard Medical School

Director, Center for
Multicultural Research,
Cambridge Health Alliance



Margarita Alegría, Ph. D., is the Director of the Center for Multicultural Mental Health Research (CMMHR) at Cambridge Health Alliance. She is a professor of psychology in the Department of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School and currently serves as the Principal Investigator of three National Institutes of Health-funded research studies. Dr. Alegría's published work focuses on how to improve services delivery for diverse racial and ethnic populations; conceptual and methodological issues with multicultural populations; and how to bring the community's perspective in the design and implementation of health services. Dr. Alegría also

conducts research that will contribute to an understanding of the factors influencing service disparities, and testing interventions aimed at reducing disparities for ethnic and racial minority groups. In conducting this work, she has actively mentored numerous students and junior investigators. As a result of her contributions in her field of work, Dr. Alegría has received the 2003 Mental Health Section Award of the American Public Health Association and the 2006 Greenwood Award for Research Excellence. Most recently, in October 2007, she was honored with the First Latino Mental Health Scientific Leadership Award and in August of 2008 was given an APA Presidential recognition for her disparities work by the American Psychological Association. She is a member of the Institute of Medicine's Public Health Board and the Chair of Academy Health organization. She is also in various boards such as the National Academy of State Health Policy, Health Services Research Journal and others.

Dr. Alegría worked for 22 years at the University of Puerto Rico, most recently as director of the Center for Evaluation and Sociomedical Research (CESR) and as a professor. She was awarded the 2003 Mental Health Section Award at the 131st Meeting of the American Public Health Association.

Dr. Alegría has devoted her professional career to researching disparities in mental health and substance abuse services for Latinos and other minority populations. Her published work focuses on defining and proposing solutions to disparities in mental health care services in minority populations, specifically Latinos in Puerto Rico and the United States; conceptual and methodological issues with minority populations; risk behaviors; and disparities in service delivery. Dr. Alegría serves on the board of directors for the Children's Foundation and the Felisa Rincón De Gautier Foundation.

She earned a bachelor's degree from Georgetown University, a master's degree from the University of Puerto Rico, and a Ph.D. from Temple University, all in psychology.



DR. MAYA ANGELOU

Poet and Reynolds Professor
of American Studies at Wake
Forest University



Dr. Maya Angelou is hailed as one of the great voices of contemporary black literature and as a remarkable Renaissance woman. A mesmerizing vision of grace, swaying and stirring when she moves; Dr. Angelou captivates her audiences lyrically with vigor, fire and perception. She has the unique ability to shatter the opaque prisms of race and class between reader and subject throughout her books of poetry and her autobiographies.

Dr. Angelou, born Marguerite Johnson on April 4, 1928, in St. Louis was raised in segregated rural Arkansas. She is a poet, historian, author, actress, playwright, civil-rights activist, producer and director. She lectures throughout the U.S. and abroad and is a lifetime Reynolds professor of American Studies at Wake Forest University in North Carolina since 1981. She has authored twelve best selling books and numerous magazine articles earning her Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award nominations. In 1993, Angelou became the second poet in US History to have the honor of writing and reciting original work at the Presidential Inauguration. *On the Pulse of Morning*, at Bill Clinton's presidential inauguration, was an occasion that gave her wide recognition for which she was awarded a Grammy award (best spoken word).

Dr. Angelou, who speaks French, Spanish, Italian and West African Fanti, began her career in drama and dance. She married a South African freedom fighter and lived in Cairo where she was editor of *The Arab Observer*, the only English-language news weekly in the Middle East. In Ghana, she was feature editor of *The Africon Review* and taught at the University of Ghana.

Dr. Angelou, poet, was among the first African-American women to hit the bestsellers lists with *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, a chronicle of her life up to age sixteen (and ending with the birth of her son, Guy), which was published in 1970 with great critical and commercial success.

In the sixties, at the request of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Dr. Angelou became the northern coordinator for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and in 1975 she received the Ladies Home Journal Woman of the Year Award in communications. She received numerous honorary degrees and was appointed by President Jimmy Carter to the National Commission on the Observance of International Woman's Year and by President Ford to the American Revolutionary Bicentennial Advisory Council. She is on the board of the American Film Institute and is one of the few female members of the Director's Guild.

In the film industry, through her work in script writing and directing, Dr. Angelou has been a groundbreaker for black women. In television, she has made hundreds of appearances. Her best-selling autobiographical account of her youth, *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, won critical acclaim in 1970 and was a two-hour TV special on CBS. She has written and produced several prize-winning documentaries, including Afro-Americans in the Arts, a PBS special for which she received the Golden Eagle Award. She was also nominated for an Emmy Award for her acting in *Roots*, and her screenplay *Georgia, Georgia*, which was the first by a black woman to be filmed. In theatre, she produced, directed and starred in *Cobret for Freedom* in collaboration with Godfrey Cambridge at New York's Village Gate; starred in Genet's *The Blocks* at St Mark's Playhouse; and adapted Sophocles' *Ajox*, which premiered in Los Angeles in 1974.



BIOGRAPHIES**PLENARY SESSION SPEAKERS****CLAUDIA R. BAQUET,
M.D., M.P.H.**

Professor and Associate Dean
for Policy/Planning
University of Maryland School
of Medicine



Claudia R. Baquet, M.D., M.P.H. is Associate Dean for Policy/Planning and Professor of Medicine at University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM). She serves as an advocate for quality health care with a focus on health needs and models of care for the medically underserved and minority communities. Dr. Baquet has served as director UMB "Center for Health Policy/Health Services Research" and the Maryland AHEC Program for 16 years. In 2003, she became director of the NIH/NCMHD Center Excellence (P 60).

In 2002, Dr. Baquet served as chair of the Governor's Commission on Prevention of Infant Mortality and received the Governor's Citation for reduction of Maryland's infant mortality rate. She was recognized by the Maryland Senate for her work to reduce cancer disparities and her longstanding commitment to the underserved communities. In 2004, Dr. Baquet received the US Department of Health and Human Services "National Best Practice Award" from the Committee on Science and Policy for increasing availability and participation of rural communities in cancer clinical trials.

Other awards include the NIH Director's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Special Award for "Closing the Health Gap in the Communities We Serve", the American Public Health Association's 2005 David P. Rall Award for Science and Advocacy in Public Health and Prevention and the National Medical Association's Council on Concerns for Women Physicians Research Award. In May 2006, Dr. Baquet received the "Racial Justice Award" from the YWCA of the Greater Baltimore Area. In November 2006, she received Congressional Recognition from Congressman Steny Hoyer, House Majority Leader, for her work in health disparities research and community engagement. In April 2008, she received the Prevent Cancer Foundation's prestigious national Laurel Award for her research and community education to increase prevention and early detection of cancer.

She participated in the National Program Review Group of the ACS and ACS CAN on Prevention Policy and Health Care Reform.

She received her M.D. in 1977 from Meharry Medical College and her M.P.H. in epidemiology in 1983 from Johns Hopkins University. Her residency in Pathology was at St. Louis University and Wadsworth VA Hospital.

Dr. Baquet's research includes: strategies for increasing access and participation of diverse communities in clinical trials; policy research on assuring equity, cancer disparities research; rural and urban disparities. Her grant portfolio is in excess of \$78 million since joining the UMSOM faculty and her annual external funding includes over \$7 million annually in grant funding.





MOON S. CHEN, JR., PH.D., M.P.H

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Moon S. Chen, Jr., Ph.D., M.P.H. is a Professor, in the Division of Hematology and Oncology, Department of Internal Medicine at the University of California, Davis School of Medicine, and the Associate Director for Population Research and Cancer Disparities at the UC Davis Cancer Center. He is the Principal Investigator of the "Asian American Network for Cancer Awareness Research and Training" or "AANCART" funded through the National Cancer Institute's Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities (CRCHD), 2000-present and the PI of the NCI-CRCHD/NCMHD jointly funded "Liver Cancer Control Interventions for Asian Americans" program

project, 2006-present. These two NIH-funded research projects highlight the unique, unusual, and unnecessary cancer burden affecting Asian Americans and constitute platforms for addressing this burden through cancer awareness and control as well as community-based research, and training. In 2008, the National Cancer Institute designated Dr. Chen as the Chair of the Coordinating Committee to develop a Cancer Health Disparities Research Hub for Region 6 (California, Hawaii, American Samoa, and Guam), one of only two such regions currently funded in the USA.

Dr. Chen is nationally recognized for his expertise and leadership in cancer health disparities research. In 2003, he was one of two non-Federal co-chairs who produced the Trans-HHS Cancer Health Disparities Progress Review report, *Making Cancer Health Disparities History* and in that same year, received the American Cancer Society (National) Humanitarian Award. He served on two Institute of Medicine study committees: one that resulted in the publication of *The Unequal Burden of Cancer* and the other that examined NIH's Strategic Plan to Reduce and Ultimately Eliminate Health Disparities". In 2008 he received the National Cancer Institute Director's Award for "outstanding and dedicated service to the Institute and the National Cancer Advisory Board". His over 90 referenced publications have appeared in journals such as the *American Journal of Health Promotion; American Journal of Preventive Medicine; American Journal of Public Health; Cancer; Cancer Epidemiology Biomarkers & Prevention; Ethnicity & Health; Health Education Quarterly; Health Values; Journal of Cancer Education; Journal of Health Education; Journal of Community Health; Nicotine and Tobacco Research; and Preventive Medicine*.



**GISELLE
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Associate Professor of Social
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Dr. Giselle Corbie-Smith is an Associate Professor of Social Medicine and Medicine at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She completed medical school at Albert Einstein College of Medicine and trained as an Internal Medicine Intern, Resident and Chief Resident at Yale University School of Medicine. She received a Masters of Science in Clinical Research from the Epidemiology Department at Emory University. Her interest in minority health issues, especially access to care and the influence of culture, race, ethnicity, and social class on health, dates from early in her academic career. Her clinical work has always

focused on serving underserved populations in public hospitals or clinics. She currently maintains a clinical practice at a local community health center.

Since joining the faculty at UNC in 2000, she has continued her research on barriers to minority participation in research. Her work focuses on trust and distrust as it impacts participation in research among minorities and the methodological and ethical issues involved in the inclusion of minorities in research. She is currently the Principal Investigator on grants from the National Institutes of Health and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to examine the patient-specific and investigator-specific factors that influence participation in research. She is also the Director of the Minority Research Core of the Carolina-Shaw Partnership for the Elimination of Health Disparities (Project Connect). The Core's main goal is to build community-academic relationships to increase minority participation in research. As Principal Investigator of the LeARN Study, Dr. Corbie-Smith is examining research participants' attitudes about participating in genetic research across the state of North Carolina. Her other studies include defining the barriers and facilitators to African American elders use of influenza vaccines, research on HIV risk among older African American women, and studying the impact of training in cultural competency on knowledge and skills among medical students and residents. Dr. Corbie-Smith was recently awarded the Jefferson-Pilot Fellowship in Academic Medicine, the highest award for Assistant Professors in the School of Medicine. The Jefferson-Pilot Corp. established a trust fund within The Medical Foundation of North Carolina Inc. to create the fellowship program. Jefferson-Pilot fellows are selected annually, and the program's aim is to attract and retain promising junior faculty in the School of Medicine.

Dr. Corbie-Smith is also the Director of the Program on Health Disparities at the UNC Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research. The purpose of this program is to coordinate and enhance disparity research within the Sheps Center and throughout UNC, to build expertise in working with minority communities, and to improve collaboration and communication with minority serving institutions in North Carolina and the nation.



**THE HONORABLE
ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS**
Member of Congress, D-MD



Congressman Elijah E. Cummings was born and raised in Baltimore, Maryland, where he still resides today. He obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Howard University, serving as Student Government President and graduating Phi Beta Kappa, and then graduated with honors from the University of Maryland School of Law.

Congressman Cummings has dedicated his life of service to uplifting and empowering the people he is sworn to represent. He began his career of public service in the Maryland House of

Delegates, where he served for sixteen years and became the first African-American in Maryland history to be named Speaker Pro Tem. First sworn in as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives in 1996, Congressman Cummings has proudly represented Maryland's 7th District for seven terms.

Congressman Cummings often says that our children are our living messages that we send to a future we will never see. In that vein, he is committed to ensuring that our next generation has access to quality healthcare and education, clean air and water, and a strong economy defined by fiscal responsibility.

Congressman Cummings is also a senior member of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. The main investigative committee in the House of Representatives, Oversight and Government Reform has jurisdiction to investigate any federal program and any matter with federal policy implications. Congressman Cummings is committed to eliminating waste, fraud, and abuse in government to ensure that it runs effectively and efficiently, in order to fully and responsibly utilize every taxpayer dollar. He sits on the Subcommittees on Domestic Policy and on Federal Workforce, Post Office, and the District of Columbia.

In addition to serving on these three committees, Congressman Cummings is a member of the Joint Economic Committee and the House Task Force on Health Care Reform. He is a former Chairman and current member of the Congressional Black Caucus, and is a co-founder and current Chairman of the Congressional Caucus on Drug Policy. He is also a member of the Progressive, Port Security, and Get-out-of-Iraq Caucuses.

During the 110th Congress, Congressman Cummings has sponsored initiatives to secure our homeland, increase access to college, promote access to quality, affordable healthcare, provide seniors with affordable prescription drugs, and ensure a high quality of life for our veterans. He is also committed to ensuring that every child has access to a quality education, specifically through the reauthorization and full funding of the No Child Left Behind Act.

Congressman Cummings serves on numerous boards and commissions. He serves on the Morgan State University Board of Regents, and the Yale-Howard Nursing Partnership Center to Reduce Health Disparities by Self and Family Management Advisory Committee.



**GOVERNOR
HOWARD DEAN, M.D.**

Chairman
Democratic National Committee



As Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, Gov. Howard Dean is making the Democratic Party competitive in every race, in every district, in every state and territory, while integrating national and state party operations and standing up for Democrats' core values. His election to this post on February 12, 2005 is the most recent chapter in a life dedicated to shaping the future of the Democratic Party.

Most recently, after achieving national prominence in his bid for the Democratic nomination for president, Governor Dean founded

Democracy for America in 2004 to build on the groundswell of support and the wave of new energy sweeping the Party. And since that time, Democracy for America has been working with the grassroots to elect fiscally responsible and socially progressive candidates to all levels of government -- local, state, and federal -- all over the country.

The breadth of Governor Dean's political experience has given him a unique perspective. He began his political career in the early 1980's as the Chittenden County (Vermont) Democratic Party chair. In 1983, Dean was elected to the Vermont House of Representatives. He was then elected lieutenant governor in 1986 and was re-elected in 1988 and 1990. He became Vermont's governor upon the death of Governor Richard A. Snelling on August 14, 1991.

Elected to a full term in November 1992, Governor Dean was re-elected four more times and created a record based on fiscally conservative principles that promoted equality and opportunity for all the citizens of Vermont. Under his leadership, Vermont paid down its debt and by 2001 enjoyed a \$100 million surplus. Through his innovative health care plan, 96 percent of Vermont's children now have health care coverage and more than a third of Vermont's Medicare recipients receive state help in paying for their prescription drugs. His 'Success by Six' program ensures that more resources like day-care and home nurses are available to parents if they need them. And with strong support from Governor Dean, Vermont officials instituted an Interactive Learning Network that wired almost all the state's high schools, even in the most rural areas.

Governor Dean's successes prompted Governing magazine to proclaim him "Public Official of the Year" in 2002. Dean's leadership roles also include turns as chairman of the National Governors' Association, the Democratic Governors' Association, and the New England Governors' Conference. Before entering politics, Dean received a medical degree from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York City in 1978. Upon completing his residency at the Medical Center Hospital of Vermont, he went on to practice internal medicine in Shelburne, Vermont.

He is married to Dr. Judy Steinberg and they have two children, Anne and Paul.



MARIO DE LA ROSA, PH.D.

**Professor at the College of
Social Work and Public Health**

**Director, Center for Research
on U.S. Latino HIV/AIDS and
Drug Abuse
Florida International
University**



Dr. Mario de la Rosa is a Professor at the College of Social work and Public Health and the Director, of the Center for Research on U.S. Latino HIV/AIDS and Drug Abuse. Before joining Florida International University (FIU), Dr. de la Rosa was a visiting Research Associate Professor at Boston University's School of Social Work, a Health Science Administrator with the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), and a Visiting Scholar at Harvard University's David Rockefeller Center for Latin America Studies. He holds a doctorate degree in Social Work from Ohio State University. Dr. de la Rosa's program of research focuses on Latino substance abuse,

HIV/AIDS, violence, delinquency, and cross-cultural issues. He has published widely on this topic. Dr de la Rosa has received funding from NIDA and NCMHD. He is currently the principal investigator of a P20 NCMHD Exploratory Center of Excellence. The primary aim of this Center is to develop the research infrastructure of FIU to conduct research on substance abuse and HIV/AIDS in Latino populations. Dr. de la Rosa is also currently conducting two NIH funded studies. One of the studies is investigating the inter-generational transmission of drug use between Latina mothers and daughters. The primary objective of this study is to identify the risk and protective factors that influence the intergenerational transmission of drug-using behaviors between Latina mothers and daughters. The second study is examining how the HIV risk behavior of Latino immigrants who have been in the U.S. for less than one year are influenced by pre-immigration assets (e.g., Latino cultural assets, social capital, and religious assets), early in their immigration process. Dr. de la Rosa has also served on numerous national scientific review panels and scientific journal editorial boards. He is currently a member of NCMHD National Advisory Council. He is the recipient of numerous awards such as the 1996 American Association for the Advancement of Science, award for outstanding work in the substance abuse field and 2007 FIU Research Merit Award.



SUSAN DENTZER

Editor-in-Chief
Health Affairs



Susan Dentzer is the Editor-in-Chief of *Health Affairs*, the nation's leading journal of health policy, and an on-air analyst on health issues with *The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer* on the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS).

Dentzer assumed the job of Editor-in-Chief on May 1, 2008, after a decade as the on-air health correspondent for *The NewsHour*. *Health Affairs*, which has been called the nation's health policy "Bible," is a peer-reviewed journal that appears bimonthly in print with additional online entries published weekly at www.healthaffairs.org.

At *The NewsHour*, Dentzer led a unit dedicated to providing in-depth coverage of health care and health policy and Social Security. The unit, begun in 1998, was funded by grants from the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation and, beginning in 2005, from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Dentzer was the recipient of multiple awards. In 2007, she received the American Society on Aging National Media Award for a two-part series on our current understanding of the causes of Alzheimer's disease, efforts under way to speed treatments to patients, and the enormous burden faced by caregivers of Alzheimer's patients. The unit's December 2005 and April 2005 pieces, "Wounded Soldier" and "Wounded Warrior," about a paralyzed and brain damaged soldier who was severely wounded in Iraq, won the 2005 Award for Excellence in Health Care Journalism from the Association of Health Care Journalists. The same pieces also earned both a CINE Golden Eagle and New York Festival award.

Prior to joining *The NewsHour* in 1998, Dentzer was chief economics correspondent and economics columnist for *U.S. News & World Report*, where she served from 1987 to 1997. In a series of columns and stories for *U.S. News*, she reported extensively on the debate over reforming and partially "privatizing" Social Security and over such health policy issues as regulation of managed care. Before joining *U.S. News*, Dentzer was at *Newsweek*, where she was a senior writer covering business news until 1987. Dentzer's work in television has included appearances as a regular analyst or commentator on CNN and *The McLaughlin Group*.

A graduate of Dartmouth, Dentzer holds an honorary Master of Arts degree from Dartmouth and an honorary doctorate of humane letters from Muskingum College, New Concord, Ohio. She is a member of the Board of Overseers of Dartmouth Medical School. Previously, she served on the Dartmouth College Board of Trustees from 1993 to June 2004 and was the first woman ever to serve as Chair of Dartmouth's board from 2001 to 2004. She is also a former trustee of the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, having served in that capacity until 2004. In 2007 she received the Dartmouth Alumni Award, the highest honor given to Dartmouth alumni for service to the college.

Dentzer, her husband and their three children live in the Washington D.C. area.



NANCY GILES

Commentator
CBS News Sunday Morning



Nancy Giles was born and raised in Queens, New York and is a proud product of the New York City public school system. She is a graduate of Oberlin College and started her professional acting career as a singing bag of garbage with the Paper Bag Players, followed by a short (no pun intended) stint as a Santa elf at Macy's on 34th Street in the heart of Manhattan.

In Chicago she toured for three years with the famed Second City comedy troupe, and worked at the Goodman Theatre. In New York she worked at such theatres as Playwrights Horizons, Manhattan Theatre Club, Naked Angels, Ensemble Studio Theatre, All Seasons Theatre Company, and HB Playwrights Foundation. She won a prestigious Theatre World Award for her off-Broadway debut in the musical *Mayor*.

On television, Nancy is thrilled to be a writer and contributor to the Emmy Award-winning CBS News Sunday Morning. This has provided the largest audience yet for her unique blend of laugh-out-loud humor and common sense wisdom. Whether she's recalling the first rapper she ever heard (Robert Preston doing "Trouble" in *The Music Man*), celebrating Black History Month (as a schoolgirl she only had "Negro History Week," and her mother, "Colored People Hour") or decrying America's obsession with Botox and plastic surgery ("when I stop having visible signs of aging, that'll mean that I'm dead,") Giles brings vibrant energy and a hip alternative feel that helps distinguish the program from others. She is also currently a regular social commentator on MSNBC, where she discusses a wide range of topics from video games to the 2008 race for the White House.

She was previously the announcer and co-host of the alternative morning show *Fox After Breakfast*, was girl GI Frankie Bansen for three seasons on the acclaimed drama *China Beach*, and was hostile waitress Connie on the comedy series *Delta*, starring Delta Burke (both shows on ABC-TV). She's guested on shows like *The Jury*, *LA Law*, *Spin City*, *Law and Order*, *Dream On*, and *Fresh Prince*.

On film: crucial expositional roles in *True Crime* (Clint Eastwood), *Angie, New York Stories* (Woody Allen's *Oedipus Wrecks*), *Working Girl*, *Big*, *Joshua and Superheroes*; plus the indies *Loverboy* (Kevin Bacon) and *Everything's Jake*.

On radio, she was Jay Thomas' sidekick on *The Jay Thomas Morning Show* on New York's Jammin' 105, and co-hosted Giles and Moriarty with CBS News correspondent Erin Moriarty on WPHT in Philadelphia. Their show won back-to-back American Women in Radio and Television Awards (Gracies) for Best Radio Talk Show for the two seasons it was on the air. You've also heard Nancy's voice on radio and television commercials pitching, as she puts it, "everything from plus-size fashions to True Value Hardware."

Nancy has written and performed the solo pieces *Black Comedy: The Wacky Side of Racism* and *Notes of a Negro Neurotic*, which were both developed with and directed by Ellie Covan at Dixon Place in New York City. She is adapting that material, her essays, and other autobiographical stories for a forthcoming book. She continues to develop new material at both Dixon Place and Passage Theatre in Trenton, New Jersey and at other venues where her friends are in charge.



**JEFFREY HENDERSON,
M.D., M.P.H.**

President/CEO
Black Hills Center for
American Indian Health



Dr. Jeffrey Henderson is a Lakota and enrolled member of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe. He acquired both his Bachelor's and Medical degrees from the University of California, San Diego. After his residency in Primary Care Internal Medicine at the University of Washington in Seattle, Dr. Henderson moved to Eagle Butte, South Dakota, on the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation, where he served as Clinical Director of the PHS Indian Hospital there for two years. He returned to the University of Washington in 1994, as one of the first Fellows in American Indian Health at the then-newly established Native American Center of Excellence, and completed

his Master of Public Health studies. Dr. Henderson moved to the Black Hills of South Dakota (Rapid City) in 1996, and worked for the Indian Health Service for two more years at the Sioux San PHS Indian Hospital. In 1998, Dr. Henderson became one of the first Native Investigators in the then-newly created Native Investigator Career Development Program at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, and he also began his long-running affiliation with the Strong Heart Study.

Also in 1998, Dr. Henderson founded the Black Hills Center for American Indian Health, a community-based, non-profit organization whose mission is to enhance the wellness of American Indians living on the Northern Plains through research, service, education, and philanthropy. The Center has met with considerable early success, starting with its first receipt of grant funding in September 2001, garnering over \$18 million through 14 peer-reviewed health research grants and contracts, largely from NIH. These grants include the Stop Atherosclerosis in Native Diabetics Study (SANDS), a first-of-its-kind randomized clinical trial to prevent cardiovascular disease among high-risk American Indians with type 2 diabetes. With its publication in JAMA in April, 2008, the SANDS trial became one of only a handful of trials of any kind to demonstrate significant regression of carotid intimal-media thickness, a surrogate marker of cardiovascular disease. More recent grants examine contextual issues in traditional Lakota healing; digital images for the determination of eye disease in persons with diabetes; tobacco control and prevention; an intervention to increase colorectal cancer screening rates; atmospheric influences on health; and environmental justice education and outreach efforts.

When not working, Dr. Henderson can be found spending time with his beautiful wife, 7-year old daughter and 5-year old son, dancing and singing at pow-wows, riding his bicycle, motorcycling, and hiking throughout the Black Hills.



ELMER HUERTA, M.D., M.P.H.

**Director, Cancer
Preventorium at the
Washington Cancer
Institute Washington
Hospital Center**



Dr. Elmer Huerta is currently director of the Cancer Preventorium at the Washington Cancer Institute at the Washington Hospital Center in Washington, D.C., which he founded in 1994. This low-income clinic accepts only people without symptoms for chronic diseases prevention and screening. There, in addition to his clinical duties in cancer prevention and screening, he continues his research and educational work with the Hispanic/Latino community. Through his educational work, Dr. Huerta has developed a high degree of respect and trust in the Hispanic community at the local, national, and international level. Dr. Huerta is currently the

President of the American Cancer Society, the first-ever Latino National President of this prestigious organization.

With over 20 years of patient care and educational experience, Dr. Huerta is recognized as a very reliable source of medical information in the Hispanic American community and media. He is a prominent figure on Spanish-language radio and television, with shows that reach approximately 85 percent of Hispanic/Latinos in the United States and even extend into Latin America. He serves as a frequent expert medical commentator for a number of radio and television programs, including CNN Radio Noticias, Univision, CNN en Español, and Telemundo.

Produced without interruption since 1989, Dr. Huerta's popular, daily one-minute health radio program, "Cuidando su Salud" ("Taking Care of Your Health"), airs on over 120 Spanish-language radio stations in the United States and more than 350 radio stations in Latin America. The program is the only daily radio show produced and hosted by a Latino physician in the United States. His hour-long, daily, national radio show "Cito con el Doctor" (An Appointment with the Doctor), reaches approximately 85 percent of Latinos living in the United States. In addition Dr. Huerta hosts "Hablemos de Salud" ("Let's Talk About Health"), a nationally syndicated, weekly, television show on health promotion and disease prevention.

Dr. Huerta is the President and Founder of Prevención, Inc., a non-profit company dedicated to the production and dissemination of educational materials for the Latino community, in the United States (www.prevencion.org).



**G. TIMOTHY JOHNSON,
M.D., M.P.H.**

Medical Editor
ABC News



Dr. G. Timothy Johnson is one of the nation's leading medical communicators of health care information. As Medical Editor for ABC News, Johnson provides on-air medical analysis for "World News Tonight," "Nightline" and "20/20." He has provided commentary on medical problems and answers for viewers of ABC News' "Good Morning America" since the program's debut in 1975.

Johnson's programs and feature reports have won several awards, including an Emmy Award from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences as well as two Emmy Awards from the

Boston/New England Chapter of the same organization.

In 1999, he earned a Gabriel Award in the best news story category for the two-part piece, "Alzheimer's: A Faded Memory." Johnson was selected as the recipient of the 1998 Bradford Washburn Award presented by the Museum of Science, Boston -- an honor also bestowed upon Jacques Cousteau, Walter Cronkite, Dr. Jane Goodall and Alan Alda, among others. In 1988, he received the Lewis Thomas Award for Communications from the American College of Physicians, and in 1987 and 1989, he won the Howard W. Blakeslee Award given by the American Heart Association. Johnson is the founding editor of the Harvard Medical School Health Letter and co-editor of the "Harvard Medical School Health Letter Book." He is also co-editor of the book "Your Good Health," co-author of "Let's Talk," and author of "Dr. Timothy Johnson's OnCall Guide to Men's Health" and "Finding God in the Questions: A Personal Journey."

Originally headed for the ministry, he graduated from North Park Seminary in 1963, then decided two years later to enter medicine. A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Augustana College, he graduated summa cum laude from Albany Medical College and holds a masters degree in public health from Harvard University. He is on the faculty at Harvard Medical School and is a former staff member of Massachusetts General Hospital, among other institutions.

Johnson is married, and is the father of two children and two grandchildren.





RAYNARD S. KINGTON, M.D., PH.D.

Acting Director
NIH



Raynard S. Kington, M.D., Ph.D. was named Acting Director of the National Institutes of Health on October 31, 2008, following the departure of Dr. Elias A. Zerhouni, M.D. Since February 9, 2003, when Dr. Kington was appointed Deputy Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), he shared in the overall leadership, policy direction, and coordination of NIH biomedical research and research training programs of NIH's 27 Institutes and Centers with a budget of almost \$29 billion and 18,000 employees. Prior to this appointment, he had been Associate Director of NIH for Behavioral and Social Sciences Research since September, 2000.

In addition to this role, from January, 2002 to November, 2002, he served as Acting Director of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. Prior to coming to NIH, Dr. Kington was Director of the Division of Health Examination Statistics at the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). As Division Director, he also served as Director of the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES), one of the nation's largest studies to assess the health of the American people. Prior to coming to NCHS, he was a Senior Scientist in the Health Program at the RAND Corporation. While at RAND, Dr. Kington was a Co-Director of the Drew/RAND Center on Health and Aging, a National Institute on Aging Exploratory Minority Aging Center.

Dr. Kington attended the University of Michigan, where he received his B.S. with distinction and his M.D. He subsequently completed his residency in Internal Medicine at Michael Reese Medical Center in Chicago. He was then appointed a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar at the University of Pennsylvania. While at the University of Pennsylvania, he completed his M.B.A. with distinction and his Ph.D. with a concentration in Health Policy and Economics at the Wharton School and was awarded a Fontaine Fellowship. He is board-certified in Internal Medicine and Public Health and Preventive Medicine. In 2006, Dr. Kington was elected to membership in the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences.

Dr. Kington's research has focused on the role of social factors, especially socioeconomic status, as determinants of health. His current research includes studies of the health and socioeconomic status of black immigrants, differences in populations in willingness to participate in genetic research, and racial and ethnic differences in infectious disease rates. His research has included studies of the relationship between wealth and health status; the health status of U.S. Hispanic populations; the determinants of health care services utilization; the economic impact of health care expenditures among the elderly; and racial and ethnic differences in the use of long-term care.



**HOWARD K. KOH,
M.D., M.P.H., F.A.C.P.**

Harvey V. Fineberg
Professor of the Practice
of Public Health

Associate Dean for
Public Health Practice
Harvard School of
Public Health



Dr. Howard Koh, the Harvey V. Fineberg Professor of the Practice of Public Health and Associate Dean for Public Health Practice at the Harvard School of Public Health, is Principal Investigator of two 5-year national disparities-related grants from the National Cancer Institute and the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities. He is also Director of the Harvard School of Public Health Center for Public Health Preparedness. Dr. Koh graduated from Yale College and the Yale University School of Medicine, completed postgraduate training at Boston City Hospital and Massachusetts General Hospital and has earned board certification in four medical fields (internal medicine, hematology, medical oncology, and dermatology) as well as a MPH degree. He has published over 200 articles in the medical and public health literature.

After being appointed Commissioner of Public Health for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (1997-2003) by Governor William Weld, Dr. Koh led the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, which included a wide range of services, four public health hospitals, and a staff of over 3000 professionals. President Bill Clinton appointed Dr. Koh to the National Cancer Advisory Board (2000-2002). Dr. Koh is also an elected member of the Institute of Medicine (IOM) of the National Academies and a member of the IOM Roundtable on Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities. He was named by the New England Division of the American Cancer Society as "one of the most influential persons in the fight against tobacco during the last 25 years". He serves on numerous Boards, including the Board of Directors of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation, the group that pushed for landmark 2006 Massachusetts Health Care Reform.



EVELYN L. LEWIS
M.D., M.A., F.A.A.F.P.

Director Medical Policy, World
Wide Public Affairs
and Policy, Pfizer, Inc



Dr. Lewis earned her medical degree from the University of the Health Sciences, The Chicago Medical School and completed a residency in family practice at Naval Hospital Jacksonville, Jacksonville, FL. She also completed a two-year faculty development fellowship at Madigan Army Medical Center and Pacific Lutheran University with a Masters degree in the Social and Behavioral sciences. Dr. Lewis is currently a Medical Policy Director, World Wide Public Affairs and Policy for Pfizer, Inc and also serves as a Consultant Principal Investigator, Uniformed Services University (USU) Center for Health Disparities. She holds appointments in

the departments of Family Medicine and Medical and Clinical Psychology. She is a member of the Editorial Board for journal of Cognitive and Behavioral Practice. During her years of active service, prior assignments and appointments included Deputy Vice President for Minority Affairs, Director of the University Health Center, Director, Family Practice Clerkship, Vice Chair, Department of Family Medicine, Associate Chair for Research, Department of Family Medicine, and teaching faculty at several residency-training programs. Her professional and research interests include adolescent medicine, adolescent sexuality and pregnancy issues, weight management (obesity and overweight), health and healthcare disparities, clinical trials and minority participation, cultural proficiency and women's health care delivery.

Dr. Lewis is nationally recognized for her expertise in the areas of Cultural Competency and Healthcare Disparities. During her tenure at the Uniformed Services University, she was awarded a Project EXPORT grant from the National Center for Minority Health and Health Disparities and served as the Principal Investigator. In her position as a Medical Director, Healthcare Policy, she has employed this expertise in Cultural Competency and Healthcare Disparities to increase patients' awareness of diseases and treatments, increase physicians' awareness of the special needs of minority populations, increase the number of minority health care professionals, and increase access to quality health care through her work with multiple organizations to include the Black Ministers Council, Congressional Black Caucus (CBC), CBC Health Brain Trust, National Medical Association, National Black Caucus of State Legislators, NAACP, National Urban League, American Academy of Family Physicians, National Medical Association, National Hispanic Medical Association, the American Medical Association Commission To End Health Disparities, and the National Business Group on Health.

Dr. Lewis is a member of several medical associations to include the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine, the American Academy of Family Physicians, the National Medical Association (NMA), the American Medical Association (AMA), and the AMA NMA Commission to End Healthcare Disparities. Her military decorations include the Defense Meritorious Medal, Joint Service Commendation, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement, Joint Meritorious Unit, Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation, Navy "E" (two awards), National Defense Medal, Humanitarian Service, Navy Sea Service Deployment, Navy and Marine Corps Overseas Service with bronze star, Coast Guard Special Operations Service, and the Navy Expert Pistol (with silver "E").



**MEREDITH MINKLER,
DR. P.H., M.P.H.**

Professor, Health and Social Behavior, School of Public Health, University of California, Berkeley



Meredith Minkler, Dr.P.H., M.P.H. is Professor and Director of the Health and Social Behavior Program at the School of Public Health, University of California, Berkeley, where she was founding director of the UC Center on Aging. She has over 30 years' experience teaching, conducting research, and working with underserved communities in community building and community-based participatory research (CBPR).

Her current research includes documenting the impacts of CBPR on healthy public policy; capacity building interventions with youth and the elderly; an ecological CBPR study of worker health and safety in Chinatown restaurants; and national studies of disparities in disabilities in older Americans.

Dr. Minkler is co-author or editor of 7 books and over 140 peer reviewed articles and book chapters including the edited books *Community Based Participatory Research for Health: From Processes to Outcomes* (with Nina Wallerstein, 2nd edition, 2008) *Community Organizing and Community Building for Health* (2nd edition 2005), *Grandmothers as Caregivers* (with Kathleen M. Roe), and *Critical Perspectives on Aging* (with Carroll L. Estes).

A Kellogg National Fellow, she serves on several editorial boards and is a consultant to numerous organizations and programs including PolicyLink and to the Kellogg Health Scholars Program.



**KENNETH P. MORITSUGU,
M.D., M.P.H., F.A.C.P.M.**

Vice President,
Global Strategic Affairs

LifeScan,
A Johnson & Johnson Company



As Vice President for Global Strategic Affairs for LifeScan, Dr. Moritsugu is responsible for coordinating the strategic efforts of the Johnson and Johnson Diabetes Franchise in addressing the increasing epidemic of diabetes worldwide. Prior to his current position, Dr. Moritsugu was the Acting Surgeon General of the United States, serving as the nation's top doctor and communicating the best available science and information to the American people.

Dr. Moritsugu is a dedicated advocate for organ and tissue donation and transplantation, as well as a key speaker at numerous

international, national and local programs on the subject. In recognition of his continuing efforts in this field, in 2007, the International Congress on Organ Donation named him its inaugural International Ambassador for Organ and Tissue Donation.

Also an educator, Dr. Moritsugu is an Adjunct Professor of Global Health at the George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services. In addition, he has spoken and written extensively on a wide variety of subjects, from international healthcare and bioterrorism to mental health and underage drinking.

Dr. Moritsugu was born and raised in Honolulu, Hawaii. After attending Chaminade College for two years, he received his Baccalaureate Degree with Honors in Classical Languages from the University of Hawaii in 1967, an M.D. from the George Washington University School of Medicine in 1971 and an M.P.H. in Health Administration and Planning from the University of California, Berkeley in 1975.

Dr. Moritsugu has received numerous honors and awards, including the Surgeon General's Medallion with two gold stars, the Surgeon General's Exemplary Service Medal with two gold stars, the Distinguished Service Medal with two gold stars, the Meritorious Service Medal with one gold star, the Outstanding Service and the Commendation Medals of the U.S. Public Health Service; the Distinguished Service and the Meritorious Service Medals of the U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Prisons; the Army Achievement Medal; the Coast Guard Arctic Service Medal; and the Phillips Medal of Public Service from Ohio University, among many others.

He has additionally been the recipient of the President's Award from the American Academy of Physician Assistants, the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine, and the American Osteopathic Association; and the William B. Miller Award from the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine. He was deemed an Honorary Deputy United States Marshal by the Director of the U.S. Marshals Service.

Dr. Moritsugu lost his wife, Donna Lee Jones Moritsugu, in an automobile accident in 1992, and his daughter Vikki Lianne in a separate automobile accident in 1996. Both were organ and tissue donors. Dr. Moritsugu is married to Lisa R. Kory, and resides in Great Falls, Virginia. He has two daughters, Erika Lizabeth Moritsugu, an attorney in Washington, DC, and Emily Renee Moritsugu.



JOHN RUFFIN, PH.D.

**Director,
National Center on Minority
Health and Health Disparities**



collaborative partnerships.

Dr. John Ruffin is the Director of the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NCMHD). He is a well-respected leader and visionary in the field of health disparities research. He has devoted his professional life to improving the health status of minority populations in the United States and to developing and supporting educational programs for minority researchers and health care practitioners. His success has been due in large part to his ability to motivate others and gain the support of key individuals and organizations, as well as to his expertise in strategic planning, administration, and the development of numerous

Since 1990, he has led the transformation of the NIH minority health and health disparities research agenda from a programmatic concept to an institutional reality. During his tenure at NIH, he has served as the Associate Director for Minority Programs, Office of Minority Programs; and the Associate Director for Research on Minority Health, Office of Research on Minority Health. As the NIH federal official for minority health disparities research, through multi-faceted collaborations, he has planned and brought to fruition the largest biomedical research program in the nation to promote minority health and other health disparities research and training. He has spearheaded the development of the first comprehensive Health Disparities Strategic Plan at NIH. His efforts have impacted local, regional, national and even international communities. The NIH is making great strides in building the research enterprise of individuals, communities, institutions, and programs to advance the field of health disparities research. Communities are actively engaged in health disparities research as equal partners, the health professions workforce is being diversified, and cutting-edge research on health disparities is increasing due to his visionary leadership and the programs of the NCMHD.

Dr. Ruffin has been committed to conceptualizing, developing and implementing innovative programs that create new learning opportunities and exposure for minority and health disparity students and faculty, as well as minority-serving institutions. In his quest to eliminate health disparities, the hallmark of his approach is to foster and expand strategic partnerships in alliance with the NIH Institutes and Centers, various Federal and state agencies, community organizations, academic institutions, private sector leaders, international governments and non-governmental organizations.

He received a B.S. in Biology from Dillard University, a M.S. in Biology from Atlanta University, a Ph.D. in Systematic and Developmental Biology from Kansas State University, and completed post-doctoral studies in biology at Harvard University.



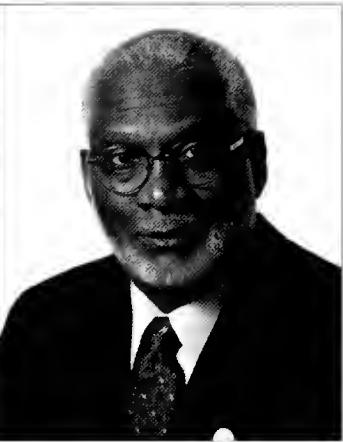
His life-long commitment to academic excellence, training, improving minority health, and health disparities research, has earned him distinguished national awards. Dr. Ruffin received an honorary doctor of science degree from Spelman College, Tuskegee University, the University of Massachusetts, Boston, and North Carolina State University. He has been recognized by: the National Medical Association, the Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science; the Association of American Indian Physicians, the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities; the Society of Black Academic Surgeons; and the National Science Foundation. The John Ruffin Scholarship Program is an honor symbolic of his legacy for academic excellence bestowed by the Duke University Talent Identification Program. He has also received the Martin Luther King Jr., Legacy Award for National Service, Samuel L. Kountz Award for his significant contribution to increasing minority access to organ and tissue transplantation; the NIH Director's Award; the National Hispanic Leadership Award; Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society Award; the Department of Health and Human Services' Special Recognition Award; and the U.S. Presidential Merit Award.



**DAVID SATCHER,
M.D., PH.D.**

Director, Satcher Health Leadership Institute

16th Surgeon General of the United States



Dr. Satcher completed his four-year term as the 16th Surgeon General of the United States in February 2002. He also served as Assistant Secretary for Health in the Department of Health and Human Services from February 1998 to January 2001, making him only the second person in history to have held both positions simultaneously. He was also Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) from 1993 to 1998 and was the first person to serve as Director of the CDC and Surgeon General of the United States.

Dr. Satcher is Director of the Center of Excellence on Health Disparities at the Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, Georgia. He occupies the Poussaint-Satcher-Cosby Chair in Mental Health at the Morehouse School of Medicine. From December 2004 to July 2006 Dr. Satcher served as the Interim President of the Morehouse School of Medicine. In recognition of his accomplishments as Interim President the board voted to change his title to President in May of 2006 and to approve the development of the Satcher Health Leadership Institute at the Morehouse School of Medicine. In January 2002, Dr. Satcher was named the Director of the new National Center for Primary Care at the Morehouse School of Medicine – a position that he held until becoming Interim President. Before assuming this post, he served as a Senior Visiting Professor with the Kaiser Family Foundation for six months.

Other leadership positions which Dr. Satcher has held include the Interim Dean of the Charles R. Drew University Medical & Sciences Center from 1977 to 1979, and President of Meharry Medical College from 1982 to 1993.

As Surgeon General and Assistant Secretary for Health, Dr. Satcher led the department's effort to eliminate racial and ethnic disparities in health, an initiative that was incorporated as one of the two major goals of Healthy People 2010. Dr. Satcher has received over 40 honorary degrees and numerous awards. Most recently he received the Sackler Award from Research!America for sustained leadership at the national level, and the Georgia Budget and Policy Institute Visionary Award for engagement in research and education in the State of Georgia.



RAJ SHAH

Chairman & CEO
Capital Technology
Information Services
(CTIS) Inc.



Mr. Shah is a businessman committed to making a difference in the healthcare industry with a specific focus on clinical research for underserved and minority population. In his commitment to use health IT and health education, to transform health disparity to health equality. Mr. Shah has leveraged business, non-profit and philanthropy segments in improving productivity, efficiency and quality in the healthcare industry. Mr. Shah has built a proven model that harnesses the power of each of these segments with proper use of the technologies, especially the information technology. Mr. Shah believes that by building scalable information applications and systems; and by reusing, realigning, and retrofitting technologies, methods, knowledge and training; one can transfer the capacity from the developed healthcare area to the underdeveloped healthcare segments (health disparity) of healthcare to meet the needs of local, national, and global communities at a much lower cost.

Over the past 35 years, as a businessman, Mr. Shah has worked extensively in the areas of health, energy, environment, financial engineering, management consulting, technology development, and infrastructure development projects. Mr. Shah has directed over \$1 billion in business through his management role with two Fortune 100 companies and his current company, CTIS, Inc. CTIS builds information applications and systems for the full spectrum of disease management ranging from awareness, prevention, epidemiology, clinical research, clinical trials, disease treatment and post treatment support. CTIS's work also improves the speed of the workflows that move biomedical discoveries rapidly from clinical testing into clinical practice. The informatics applications provide an optimization and harmonization in meeting regulatory/standards compliance, information integrity/quality and highest patient safety. Currently, CTIS provides services to National Institutes of Health organizations in the areas of cancer, HIV/AIDS, heart and diabetes with over \$300 million in contracts performed. CTIS's systems have received several major awards including the NIH Directors Award, CIO magazine, Computerworld and the British Medical Journal for its best practices.

Over the last 10 years, as a non-profit institute supporter, Mr. Shah has been committed to corporate citizenship in the local community supporting the minority and underserved populations' healthcare need. Through the i-Bharti Health organization and also CTIS, Inc. a strategy and plan was developed to apply the power of information technology. While many companies in the world can apply the power of technology to solve complex problems, Mr. Shah wanted to make a difference applying the same power of high technology to solve simple problems of human health for the minority and underserved in the U.S. and worldwide developing countries.

Mr. Shah holds a BS in chemistry and physics from the University of Bombay, a MS in Chemistry from the University of Detroit, and has attended the MBA program at Harvard Business School. Mr. Shah has participated in over 100 lectures and speaking engagements in disease management areas and the use of information technology.

Mr. Shah lives in Virginia with his wife Bharti Shah and has three daughters.



BRIAN SMEDLEY, PH.D.

**Vice President and Director
Health Policy Institute of the
Joint Center for Political and
Economic Studies**



Dr. Brian Smedley is Vice president and Director of the Health Policy Institute of the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies. Prior to joining the Joint Center, Dr. Smedley was a co-founder of The Opportunity Agenda, where he led to organization's communications, research, and policy work that created innovative campaigns that incorporated racial justice, gender equity, and human rights in the practice of health care.

Dr. Smedley was also a Senior Program Officer for the Institute of Medicine (IOM) of the National Academy of Sciences, where

he served as study director for groundbreaking reports on racial and ethnic health and health care disparities, diversity in the health professions workforce, and federal health research for the medically underserved. The most recent of these reports, *In the Nation's Compelling Interest: Ensuring Diversity in the Health Care Workforce*, published in 2004, provided part of the impetus - along with the Sullivan Commission's Missing Persons report - for the creation of the Sullivan Alliance, now a part of the Joint Center, which is finding solutions to address the critical need for greater diversity among health professionals.

While at the IOM, Dr. Smedley also directed the report *Unequal Treatment: Confronting Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health Care*, which concluded that many communities of color face systematic barriers to accessing high-quality health care, even when differences in insurance coverage and income are taken into account. Other reports that Dr. Smedley directed while at IOM include *The Unequal Burden of Cancer: An Assessment of NIH Research and Programs for Ethnic Minorities and the Medically Underserved* - which reviewed federal research and concluded that the National Institutes of Health's research effort to eliminate racial and ethnic disparities in cancer fell far short of the burden of these diseases in communities of color - and *Promoting Health: Intervention Strategies from Behavioral and Social Research*, which called for a greater investment in research and evaluation of community and behavioral health interventions.

A Detroit native, Dr. Smedley holds a magna cum laude undergraduate degree in psychology and social relations from Harvard University and a Ph.D. in psychology from UCLA.



DAVID TAKEUCHI, PH.D.

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community organizations. He has worked with different federal agencies to include the social sciences more prominently in their research agenda such as chairing the Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Conference on the "Socio-Cultural Influences on Health (1999-2000), scientific advisor to the Surgeon General's Report on Culture, Race, and Health (2001-02); the Institute of Medicine's Design for National Report on Disparities (2002); the Decade of Behavior (2002-05); Task Force on Violence Prevention (2004); and Task Force on the Basic Behavioral and Social Sciences in Health (2004).



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Robert Otto Valdez, Ph.D., Executive Director, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center for Health Policy and RWJF Professor of Family & Community Medicine and Economics. He is an Adjunct Senior Health Scientist, RAND and a Senior Fellow at Emory University's Institute for Advanced Policy Solutions. He served as founding Dean at the Drexel University School of Public Health in Philadelphia and from 1985-1999, he was Professor of Health Services at the UCLA School of Public Health.

Dr. Valdez has been active in health policy and health services research at the international, national, state, and local levels. In 1998, he served as Special Senior Advisor to the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans. From 1993-1996 he served in a dual capacity at the U.S. DHHS as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health, PHS and Director of Interagency Health Policy, HCFA. Prior to joining DH HS, he served as a Senior Advisor to the White House on health care reform in 1993.

Dr. Valdez has provided service on numerous national advisory boards, including AHA's Foster McGaw Prize; Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Investigator Awards for Health Policy Research Program; and the IOM Health Policy Fellowships Program.

On the state and local levels, Dr. Valdez has provided policy analyses on numerous health related issues throughout the Southwestern states, especially issues related to the uninsured and Medicaid. Currently, Dr. Valdez assists the State of Virginia legislature evaluate proposed health insurance mandates and health coverage expansions. In Los Angeles County, Dr. Valdez has examined disparities in health and how the medical care system serves various ethnic and low-income populations. On behalf of the California Endowment, he has focused a decade long effort to reduce health care disparities by improving the quality of care of primary care practices in low-income communities.





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and participatory research with youth, women, tribes, and community building efforts. She is the co-editor of *Community Based Participatory Research for Health*, 2nd edition, 2008 (with Meredith Minkler); co-author of *Problem-Posing at Work: Popular Educator's Guide*; and author of several health and adult education books and over 100 articles and book chapters on participatory intervention research, adolescent health promotion, alcohol and addictions prevention research, empowerment theory, and popular health education. Her current research interests focus on community capacity and health development in tribal communities, culturally appropriate translational intervention research, participatory evaluation, and community based participatory research processes and outcomes to reduce health disparities.



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Dr. David R. Williams is the Florence and Laura Norman Professor of Public Health at the Harvard School of Public Health and Professor of African and African American Studies and of Sociology at Harvard University. His prior academic appointments were at the University of Michigan and Yale University. He holds an MPH from Loma Linda University and a Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Michigan.

He is interested in social influences on health and has examined the trends and determinants of socioeconomic and racial differences in health.

His research also addresses the ways in which racism can affect health and the effects of religious involvement on health. He is the author of more than 180 scholarly papers in scientific journals and edited collections. He has served as a member of the editorial board of 11 scientific journals and as a reviewer for more than 50 others. According to ISI Essential Science Indicators, he was one of the Top 10 Most Cited Researchers in the Social Sciences during the decade 1995 to 2005. The Journal of Black Issues in Higher Education has ranked him as the 2nd Most Cited Black Scholar in the Social Sciences in 2006 and in 2007. Dr Williams is an elected member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences and of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. In 2004, he received one of the inaugural Decade of Behavior Research Awards.

Dr. Williams has served on the Department of Health and Human Services' National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics and on seven panels for the Institute of Medicine including the committee that prepared the *Unequal Treatment* report. He has held elected and appointed positions in professional organizations, such as the American Sociological Association, Academy Health and the American Public Health Association. Currently, he is a member of the MacArthur Foundation's Research Network on Socioeconomic Status and Health and serves as the staff director of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Commission to Build a Healthier America.

Dr. Williams has appeared on national television including ABC's Evening News, CNN, PBS, C-SPAN and the Discovery Channel. His research has been featured or he has been quoted in the national print media including the New York Times, Newsweek, Time, the Wall Street Journal, the Washington Post, Jet and USA Today. He was also a scientific advisor to the *Unnatural Causes* film series.



MARY WOOLLEY

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Mary Woolley is the president of Research!America, a not-for-profit, membership supported grassroots public education and advocacy organization committed to making medical and health research, including research to prevent disease and disability and to promote health, a much higher national priority. Under her leadership, Research!America's membership has more than quadrupled as it has earned the attention and respect of research, media, and community leaders with its signature public opinion surveys and advocacy resource materials.

Woolley is an elected member of the Institute of Medicine and a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. She serves on several boards and committees, including the Institute of Medicine Health Sciences Policy Board, the National Council for Johns Hopkins Nursing, and the Board of Overseers of the Harvard School of Public Health. She is a founding member of the Board of Associates of the Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research. Woolley has served as president of the Association of Independent Research Institutes, as editor of the Journal of the Society of Research Administrators, as a reviewer for the National Institutes of Health and National Science Foundation and as a consultant to several research organizations.

Woolley has a 30-year editorial and publication history on science advocacy and research related topics. Her op-eds and letters to the editor are published in newspapers and magazines from coast to coast and she has been published in *Science*, *Nature*, *Issues in Science and Technology*, *The New England Journal of Medicine*, *The Journal of the American Medical Association*, *The Scientist*, and other research-oriented periodicals. She is a sought-after speaker and is frequently interviewed by science, news and policy journalists.

For her work on behalf of medical research, she has been honored as a Woman of Vision by the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science and is a recipient of the Distinguished Contribution to Research Administration Award from the Society for Research Administrators. She has received the American Hospital Association Silver Touchstone Award for Public Affairs Programming, the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons Dean's Award for Distinguished Service, the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology Special Award for Science Advocacy, the Friends of the National Institute for Nursing Research Health Advocacy Award and the Awareness and Advocacy Award from the Clinical Research Forum.

Woolley became administrator of the Medical Research Institute of San Francisco in 1981, and in 1986 was named the Institute's executive director and CEO. Woolley has served as president and CEO of Research!America since 1990.





LARRY ADELMAN

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Ada Adimora is an Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine and Adjunct Associate Professor of Epidemiology at UNC's School of Public Health. She has been an active HIV physician since the 1980s. She heads the UNC's Fogarty AIDS International Training Research Program.

Her research focuses on the epidemiology of HIV and STDs among minority populations. She is particularly concerned with behavioral epidemiology and the role of sexual networks and the socioeconomic context in heterosexual HIV transmission among minorities.

She led one of the few population-based studies of risk factors for heterosexually transmitted HIV infection among African Americans in the rural South. Her work has demonstrated the importance of sexual network patterns and important contextual factors, such as poverty and racism in promoting behaviors that establish and maintain racial disparities in rates of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections in the United States.



NIA AITAOTO

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Nia Aitaoto is a Program Coordinator for Pacific Programs at Papa Ola Lokahi in Hawaii where she provides health education, community mobilization training and technical assistance in American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Hawaii, Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau. She is also a Principal Investigator of a National Cancer Institute funded research project to investigate health seeking behaviors of American Samoans in Hawaii. Prior to this, she spent 10 years working as a health educator in public-housing communities in Hawaii where the majority of Pacific Islanders reside. During those years, she collaborated with many of the health care agencies in Honolulu. She speaks several Pacific Islander languages, including Samoan and Hawaiian.

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ISABELLA ANNESI-MAESANO, PH.D.

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After standard curricula at Faculty of Physics in Rome (Italy) and Medical School Paris XI (France), Dr Isabella Annesi-Maesano has enriched her educational background with two Masters Degrees in Environmental Science and Medical Science respectively and a PhD in Epidemiology and Biostatistics. Since 1983, she has been involved in researches in the field of respiratory epidemiology in order to assess risk factor for major allergic and respiratory diseases. She is presently director of the Department of Epidemiology of Allergic and Respiratory Diseases at the French Institute for Health and Medical Research and UPMC. She has conducted several epidemiological surveys as principal investigator or partner and has been implicated in the WHO Initiatives ARIA and GARD. She was the convenor of the ESF workshop on "Health and Environmental Disparities: The Case of Lung Disease". She is presently the principal investigator of the EU Geriatric study in Europe on health effects of air quality in nursing homes (GERIE) project. Since 2005, she has been appointed to the function of Head of the Occupation and Epidemiology Assembly of the European Respiratory Society. She works in developing countries and has developed a core curriculum course of epidemiology in the European HERMES initiative.

ANDREA APTER, M.D., M.S.C.

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Andrea Apter, M.D., M.Sc., Professor of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, left a career as a mathematics teacher to obtain an M.D. at the University of Pennsylvania, internal medicine and allergy-immunology training at Northwestern University, and a Masters of Science in Epidemiology from the Harvard School of Public Health. Her research, which has received NIH support, seeks to improve outcomes for vulnerable patients and focuses on barriers remediable within patient-clinician interactions, using asthma as a platform and adherence as a measure of successful interaction. She is currently the PI of an individualized randomized problem-solving intervention designed to improve asthma outcomes for low-income urban minority patients taking account of the larger context of participants' lives. Recently Dr. Apter and colleagues found that numerical concepts embedded in standard asthma education are difficult for patients to understand and that limited numerical skills were associated with ED visits and hospitalizations for asthma. She and collaborators have proposed a conceptual model to guide clinicians in providing numerical information that facilitates communication. She presents preliminary results that such communication may reduce the impact of health disparities.



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Katrina Armstrong is an Associate Professor of Medicine and Epidemiology, Associate Director of the Abramson Cancer Center, Senior Fellow at the Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics, Co-Director of the Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Armstrong's research seeks to elucidate the complex relationship among the social environment, health care, and cancer outcomes. Her research has concentrated on several areas of critical policy importance including genetic testing for cancer susceptibility and racial disparities in cancer outcomes. She has received multiple federal grants for her research including support from the National Institutes of Health, the American Cancer Society, the Department of Defense and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. She has over 80 peer-reviewed publications and her research has been published in major journals including the New England Journal of Medicine, JAMA and the American Journal of Public Health. She has received the 2004 Society of General Internal Medicine Outstanding Junior Investigator Award and the 2005 Alice Hersh Young Investigator Award from AcademyHealth. Dr. Armstrong was elected to the American Society of Clinical Investigation in 2006.

JOHN AUERBACH, M.B.A.

Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Public Health

John Auerbach was appointed Massachusetts's Commissioner of Public Health in April, 2007 by Governor Deval Patrick and Secretary of Health and Human Services, Dr. Judyann Bigby. As Commissioner he heads a Department with 3,100 employees that includes four public health hospitals, the Hinton State Laboratory, several regulatory bodies, and numerous programmatic units addressing chronic and infectious disease, substance abuse, environmental health, tobacco control, children and adolescent health and emergency preparedness. He is the Chair of the Public Health Council, the State's health policy board, and a member of the Governor's Anti-Crime Council. Prior to his appointment as Commissioner, Auerbach had been the Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission for 9 years. He oversaw the City's Emergency Medical Services Department, substance abuse treatment facilities and homeless services program.

Mr. Auerbach had previously worked at the State Health Department for a decade, first as the Chief of Staff and later as an Assistant Commissioner overseeing the HIV/AIDS Bureau.

He began his career in public health as an administrator in the Uphams Corner Community Health Center after which he became a manager at Boston City Hospital and the Boston University School of Medicine.

Mr. Auerbach received his B.A. from Clark University and his M.B.A. with a concentration in health care administration from Boston University School of Management.



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After earning her medical degree in 1992 from the University of Puerto Rico, School of Medicine, Dr. Mainés Larissa Avilés-Santa, initiated her residency training in Internal Medicine at the University Hospital in San Juan, which she completed in 1995. Following her residency, she moved to Texas to pursue subspecialty training in Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism, at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. After finishing her fellowship, she joined the faculty of the Endocrine division in Dallas, working very closely to Dr. Philip Raskin. There she worked in clinical research, teaching and direct patient care. Her main research interest was the prevention of cardiovascular disease in Hispanic/Latinos with Type 2 diabetes. In addition, she earned a Masters in Public Health from the University of Texas School of Public Health. In 2006, Dr. Avilés-Santa joined the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute at the National Institutes of Health, and is currently Project Officer for the Hispanic Community Health Study - Study of Latinos, which was initiated on October 1, 2006.

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Dr. Avis graduated from Brown University followed by graduating from University of North Carolina School of Medicine with a residency in General Surgery and was an American Cancer Society Fellow. Held positions of Assistant Professor of Surgery and Bacteriology and Immunology at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine; Assistant Professor of Surgery/Surgical Oncology, West Virginia University; Head of the Surgery Section, Clinical Therapy and Evaluation Program, National Cancer Institute and Senior Surgeon and Senior Investigator, Surgery Branch, NCI, NIH; Medical Director Mount Vernon Cancer Research Institute, INOVA; Physician, Indian Health Service, Eagle Butte, South Dakota; Physician, Community Health Center, Victoria, Virginia and Chairman, Medical Oversight Committee. For the last five years has been the Deputy Medical Director, Sletten Cancer Institute, and Medical Director, Tribal Programs, Benefis Health System. Montana Project PI, under a Huntsman Cancer Institute Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Demonstration Program for Reducing Cancer Disparities for American Indians in the Rural Intermountain West (Montana and Utah). The project addresses reducing cancer disparities among Elders on the Blackfeet; Fort Belknap; Rocky Boy; Fort Peck and Navajo Indian Reservations. Also working in partnership with the Reservations using a Community Based Participatory Research approach to developing Health Disparities Plans for each participating Tribe.



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Dr. Lourdes Baezconde-Garbanati is an Associate Professor in Preventive Medicine and Sociology at the Keck School of Medicine, University of Southern California (USC). She has 5 academic degrees obtained in Latin America, Europe and the United States, including a doctorate in public health in community health sciences and a Masters degree also in public health; from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). She also speaks multiple languages. Her research and teaching focus on health disparities and the role of culture in health promotion and disease prevention among Hispanic/ Latinos, American Indians and other priority populations. She is the Director of the Global Health Leadership Track in the M.P.H. program at USC, and of the Cancer Information Services and the Chair of the National Latino Tobacco Control Network. She is also the associate director and Co-PI of the Center of Excellence in Minority Youth. She works in obesity prevention among youth at the community level, tobacco prevention and cancer control. She has published in scientific journals, has a strong record of extramural funding, and has been highly recognized for her work locally, statewide, nationally and internationally.

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ROSHAN BASTANI, PH.D.

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Roshan Bastani, Ph.D., Professor and Associate Dean for Research, UCLA School of Public Health and Co-Director of its Center to Eliminate Health Disparities. She is also Associate Director for Cancer Prevention and Control Research in the Cancer Center. Dr. Bastani, a social/health psychologist, is a nationally recognized cancer control scientist, whose main research interests are in the study of access to care among low-income, ethnic minority and other underserved groups, with a focus on testing the efficacy of patient and health system directed interventions to improve access. Dr. Bastani has conducted numerous community-based intervention studies targeting marginalized populations, has published widely on the subject, and has had continuous research funding from the NIH since 1988. She has established strong ties with a large number of community agencies, which serve as laboratories for her collaborative population focused research. Examples of her current research include a church-based cluster randomized trial to increase hepatitis B screening among Koreans and an experiment to assess the effects of an intervention to promote informed decision making regarding prostate cancer screening among low income Latinos. She is also the director of an NCI funded postdoctoral training grant, which has a heavy focus on cancer disparities training.

LAURIE J. BAUMAN, PH.D.

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Laurie J. Bauman, Ph.D. is Director of the Preventive Intervention Research Center at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. She has conducted multiple NIH-funded studies and randomized trials that applied sociological theory to the prevention of mental health problems secondary to physical conditions in children and their parents. She is currently Principal Investigator of three community-based randomized trials on HIV prevention with youth, and is conducting an NIMH-funded study of adolescent couples to better understand how love, trust, expectations of monogamy, couple communication and relationship salience affect condom use. Currently, she is funded by NCMHD to conduct community-based participatory research with adolescents as the lead decision makers. The adolescents chose mental health as the most important health disparity affecting inner-city youth, and they developed an intervention called BxThunder to reduce that disparity. The project received the 2008 Public Health Community Award from the Public Health Association of New York City. Dr.Bauman has been elected to the American Pediatrics Society and the New York Academy of Medicine; was the recipient of the Lela Rowland award from the National Mental Health Association; and was Associate Editor of The Journal of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics.



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Dr. Berlin uses epidemiology to highlight economic, geographic, and racial disparities in women's health, and is a primary author of "Making the Grade on Women's Health: A National and State-by-State Report Card Projects". She serves as Program Director of the OHSU Center for Women's Health Policy Advisory Towards Health (PATH for women), focusing on health policy issues within women's health.

Dr. Berlin and her partners are developing the Women with Disabilities Health Equity Coalition (WowDHEC)—a coalition of, for, and by women with disabilities to increase health promotion programs and services for women with disabilities in Portland, Oregon. This work is funded by Johnson & Johnson's program "Fostering Excellence in Women's Health through Academic-Community Partnerships" administered by the UCSF National Center of Excellence in Women's Health.

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Dr. Binswanger conducts research on health and the criminal justice system, the medical complications of drug use and vulnerable populations. She published the results of her research on death rates after release from prison in the New England Journal of Medicine and was honored for this work with the Mack Lipkin Sr. Associate from the Society for General Internal Medicine. Her goal is to find effective ways to improve the health of individuals and communities heavily impacted by incarceration.

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William J Blot, Ph.D., an epidemiologist, is Associate Director for Cancer Prevention and Control at the Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center (VICC), Professor in the Department of Medicine at Vanderbilt, and Chief Executive Officer of the International Epidemiology Institute (IEI). Prior to co-founding IEI in 1994 and joining VICC in 2000, Dr. Blot directed research into the causes of cancer for 20 years at the National Cancer Institute, where he was Chief of the Analytical Studies Section of the Environmental Epidemiology Branch and then Chief of the Biostatistics Branch. Dr. Blot's research has included mapping the distribution of mortality from cancer and other diseases, assessing temporal trends, conducting case-control and cohort studies to clarify the roles of environmental, lifestyle, medical, genetic and other factors as causes of various cancers. He has directed large-scale clinical trials on the effects of dietary supplements on disease prevention. Dr. Blot currently is the principal investigator of the Southern Community Cohort Study, a major epidemiologic investigation to assess reasons for the higher rates of cancer and other disease incidence and mortality among African Americans and the contributors to health disparities. Dr. Blot has authored or co-authored nearly 500 articles published in the peer-reviewed scientific literature.



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Dr. Bowen is a Full Professor and Chair in the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences of the School of Public Health at Boston University. Dr. Bowen is currently an investigator in the regional Cancer Prevention Network, focused on community based research on cancer prevention targets. She is a co-investigator on the regional Native American Community Health Network, a group of investigators and community health experts working to conduct research and training in Native communities in the West. Dr. Bowen is the principal investigator on a Melanoma prevention study, which adapts a cancer-related behavior change intervention for delivery via the Internet to at risk families. She has been the principal investigator of several NIH-funded grants involving breast and ovarian cancer risk feedback and communications, including the Breast Cancer Risk Counseling Studies, the RISK study and the WIRES study. Dr. Bowen has been an investigator in the coordinating centers of three large multi-center prevention trials: the Carotene and Retinol Efficacy Trial (CARET), the Women's Health Trial: Feasibility Study in Minority Populations (WHT: FSMP) and the Women's Health Initiative (WHI). She is currently conducting community based research to improve the health of Native people in the Pacific Northwest and Alaska, in collaboration with the Cancer Information Service. In addition, Dr. Bowen has led or participated in numerous community intervention studies that have successfully recruited and maintained advisory committees, including members of the community representing the target audience. She was a co-investigator and member of the Steering committee for a large R25T training grant for pre and post doctoral fellows at the University of Washington, focused on health communications and biobehavioral cancer prevention. She was the principal investigator for a church-based dietary intervention trial and in that role chaired an advisory committee of local church leaders representing a broad variety of denominations.



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Dr. Bracho then created and directed the AIDS Projects for Latino Family Services in Detroit, Michigan. She has trained, presented and consulted for numerous government and private agencies nationwide.

Dr. Bracho is a member of the Casey Family Programs' Board of Trustees and the Marguerite Casey Foundation. She serves in the Institute of Medicine Round Table on Health Disparities and in the Kellogg Foundation Task Force on Health Disparities. Dr. Bracho is a consultant for the Pan-American Health Organization and has taught international courses in Latin-America.

Previously Dr. Bracho served on the Advisory Committee for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Local Initiative Program. She has been a TV and radio talk show hostess as well as a columnist for a local newspaper on health related topics.

Dr. Bracho is a recognized expert in Latino health issues, health education, minority women, cultural competency, community organizing, diabetes education and HIV. She has received several awards for her contributions.

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Paula Braveman, M.D., M.P.H. is Professor of Family and Community Medicine and Director of the Center on Social Disparities in Health at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). She received her degree in medicine from UCSF and in epidemiology from UC Berkeley, and practiced medicine in a range of settings serving diverse, disadvantaged populations. For more than two decades, Dr. Braveman has studied and published extensively on social disparities in health and health care and actively engaged in bringing attention to this field in the U.S. and internationally. Her research has focused on measuring and understanding socioeconomic and racial/ethnic disparities, particularly in maternal and infant health and health care. During the 1990s she worked with World Health Organization staff in Geneva to develop and implement a global initiative on equity in health and health care. Throughout her career, she has collaborated with local, state, federal, and international health agencies to see research translated into practice with the goal of achieving greater equity in health. She has been a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences since her election in 2002.



ALFIEE M. BRELAND-NOBLE, PH.D.

Director, The AAKOMA Project

Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences

Dr. Alfiee M. Breland-Noble is director of The AAKOMA Project and assistant professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the Duke University Medical Center.

As principal investigator of The AAKOMA Project; she collaborates with a wonderful team of colleagues on a study examining readiness to engage in treatment for African-American adolescents with major depression. This study is part of a multi-phase project currently funded via a Career Development Award from the National Institute of Mental Health. In the study, the project team will (1) identify factors associated with psychiatric treatment engagement and (2) develop an intervention to increase psychiatric treatment engagement.

Prior to becoming PI of the study, Dr. Breland-Noble completed clinical research fellowships at the Duke University Medical Center and the Duke Clinical Research Institute. Dr. Breland-Noble also completed her internship training at Duke University. She has earned degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, New York University, Howard University and is currently completing a degree at the Duke School of Medicine. Her research interests include improving treatment engagement for psychiatric illness in African American and other children of color (using community based participatory research principles) and the diagnosis and treatment of diverse adolescent depression in clinical trials.

ARLEEN BROWN, M.D., PH.D.

Associate Professor of Medicine

University of California, Los Angeles

Dr. Brown is an Associate Professor in the Division of General Internal Medicine and Health Services Research at the University of California, Los Angeles. Her research focuses on understanding and eliminating racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic disparities in health for adults with diabetes and other chronic conditions. She has studied the interplay between clinical factors and social influences on health and health care for adults with diabetes and has designed and studied interventions to improve diabetes and hypertension outcomes. She is a Co-Principal Investigator on the Translating Research into Action for Diabetes (TRIAD) Study and is a Principal Investigator of an American Heart Association study to understand the influence of neighborhood factors and other socioeconomic characteristics on stroke incidence and post-stroke outcomes.



MARIO A. BRUCE, PH.D.

Associate Professor of Family and Community Medicine
Meharry Medical Center

Dr. Bruce is a sociologist whose research examines the relationship between socioeconomic stratification, community social environment, risky behavior, and health outcomes among underserved populations. Dr. Bruce has published a number of peer-reviewed articles about prominent health issues in the African American community including violence, alcohol use, substance abuse, infant mortality, obesity, and kidney disease. Dr. Bruce has been awarded a career development award from the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute of the National Institutes of Health to study the relationship between social, economic, psychological stressors and the progression of kidney disease among African Americans. Dr. Bruce is also a co-director for the community engagement research program for the Clinical Translational Science Award focused partnership between Vanderbilt University and Meharry Medical College. In this role, he is charged with providing expertise on coalition building, community work, measurement, evaluation, and dissemination of results from community engaged research projects at both campuses.

LINDA BURHANSSTIPANOV, M.S.P.H., DR.P.H., C.H.E.S.

President, Native American Cancer Initiatives, Inc.

Linda Burhansstipanov, M.S.P.H., Dr.P.H., C.H.E.S. (Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma) has worked in public health since 1971, primarily with Native American issues. She taught full-time at universities (California State University Long Beach and UCLA) for 18 years. She developed and implemented the Native American Cancer Research Program at the National Cancer Institute from 1989-1993. She is the current Grants Director and President of Native American Cancer Research (a community-based and American Indian-operated non-profit corporation) and President of Native American Cancer Initiatives, Inc. (a for-profit technical assistance, training, public speaking organization). She currently is the principal investigator and subcontractor for multiple NIH grants such as "Native American Cancer Education for Survivors" [NCI R25 CA 101938] and Native Navigators and the Cancer Continuum (NNACC) [NCMH D24MD002811]. She serves on national boards such as the Susan G. Komen for the Cure® American Indian Alaska Native National Advisory Council and Mayo Clinic's Spirit of Eagles Community Network Programs Advisory Board. She has over ninety peer reviewed publications, of which most address Native American cancer, public health and data issues.



NEIL CALMAN, M.D.

President and Co-Founder, Institute for Urban Family Health

NEIL CALMAN, M.D., is a Board Certified family physician who has been practicing in the Bronx and Manhattan for the past 30 years. He is President and a Co-Founder of the Institute for Urban Family Health. Since 1983 Dr. Calman has led the Institute in developing family health centers in the Bronx and Manhattan and 2 family medicine training programs that have trained over 200 residents. The Institute now has more than 100 family physicians, family nurse practitioners, family practice residents and social workers that practice in 25 locations including 8 sites which care exclusively for people who are homeless, a school health program and a family medicine in-patient service.

Dr. Calman has served on many government commissions. He is the recipient of a number of National awards and his work has been documented in three book chapters. He has published multiple essays about his experiences in medicine as well as many scientific articles. His research activities, supported by multiple grants from the CDC, the NIH, the HRSA Bureau of Health Professions, the NY State and NY City Departments of Health and numerous foundations has focused on health disparities, health information technology and workforce for underserved areas.

MARCI CAMPBELL, PH.D.Professor of Nutrition, School of Public Health
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Dr. Campbell is Professor in the Department of Nutrition, School of Public Health at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Her research focuses on nutrition and health behavior change for health promotion and disease prevention. Projects focus on investigating health communication strategies aimed at reducing risk factors for cancer and chronic diseases in minority and under-served communities. Approaches include testing effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of computer-generated, individually tailored interventions on diet, physical activity, and cancer screening behaviors for health promotion and disease prevention in diverse populations; impact of multi-level interventions including individual, social, organization and environmental approaches to address social and economic determinants and encourage healthy behaviors; and dissemination research using evidence-based interventions for obesity prevention and health promotion on a population-wide level. Dr. Campbell has conducted numerous faith-based interventions including Black Churches United for Better Health, WATCH, ACTS of Wellness, and Body&Soul. Dr. Campbell is a member of the Society for Behavioral Medicine and is Program Leader for cancer prevention and control at the UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center.





MANUEL CARBALLO, PH.D., M.P.H.

Executive Director of the International Center for Migration and Health in Geneva
Professor of Clinical Public Health, Columbia University

Dr. Manuel Carballo, is an epidemiologist and is the Executive Director of the International Centre for Migration and Health (ICMH) in Geneva, and Professor of Clinical Public Health at the Columbia University, Mailman School of Public Health in New York. He has worked with WHO in a number of countries, and in the 1980's was responsible for leading WHO's International Collaborative Study on breast feeding and the impact of breast-milk substitutes on infant and maternal health, which led to the WHO/UNICEF International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes. In 1986 he was one of the three-person team chosen to set up the WHO Global Programme on AIDS (GPA) and remained with GPA until 1992 as Chief of Behavioural Research where he was also responsible for helping twenty two countries set up their National AIDS Committees. In 1993 he went to Sarajevo as WHO Public Health Advisor and remained there until the end of the war in 1995 after which he worked as an adviser to the Minister of Health of Bosnia. On his return from Bosnia he joined the International Centre for Migration and Health (ICMH), a research, training and policy advocacy organisation. In 1999 he was responsible for UN missions to Albania and Macedonia to assess the needs of Kosovar refugees, and in 2002 and 2003 he headed two health evaluation missions for the UN in the occupied Palestinian territories (oPt). In 2003 he was asked by the UN to conduct a health evaluation for the UN in Iraq and in 2004 he headed a UNFPA relief and reconstruction mission to the Maldives. He has since then worked in Iran and Afghanistan where he develops national emergency preparedness plans with special reference to women and children.

JOHN D. CARPTEN, PH.D.

Senior Investigator and Director, Division of Integrative Cancer Genomics
Translational Genomics Research Institute (TGen), Phoenix, AZ

Dr. Carpten received his Ph.D. from the Department of Molecular Genetics, The Ohio State University in 1994. Prior to joining TGen, Dr. Carpten was an intramural tenure track investigator with the Cancer Genetics Branch of the National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI), NIH, a group that pioneered a number of innovative technologies and methods to study the underlying genetics of cancer. While a fellow and later a tenure track investigator at NHGRI/NIH, he co-led the first published genome wide scan for prostate cancer susceptibility genes and subsequent discovery of germ-line mutations in the RNASEL gene in hereditary prostate cancer families.

Dr. Carpten also has an intense focus on understanding the role of genetics in prostate cancer incidence and mortality disparities seen among African American men. Through his leadership, the African American Hereditary Prostate Cancer Study (AAHPC) Network was conceived. This study has become a model for genetic linkage studies in underrepresented populations and led to the first genome wide scan for prostate cancer susceptibility genes in African Americans.



TINA L. CHENG, M.D., M.P.H.

Professor of Pediatrics, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine

Dr. Tina L. Cheng is Professor of Pediatrics at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine with joint appointment in the Bloomberg School of Public Health and Division Chief of General Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine. She is currently President of the Academic Pediatric Association. As the Hopkins Principal Investigator of the NCMHD's DC-Baltimore Research Center on Child Health Disparities, a collaborative center with Howard University and Children's National Medical Center, she is co-leading a conference entitled "Starting Early: A Life Course Perspective on Child Health Disparities: Developing a Research Action Agenda" held in November 2008.

Dr. Cheng's research and clinical work focuses on addressing child health disparities including comprehensive and community-based models of primary care, youth development and violence prevention. Her goals have been to integrate research, teaching and clinical work through patient-oriented research, mentor a diverse community of health professionals and researchers, and lead clinical and advocacy activities that link research findings to practice and policy. She has been the principal investigator on several large federal and foundation grants and has over 80 articles published in peer-reviewed journals. She also serves on the American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Pediatric Research and is Associate Editor of Pediatrics in Review.

JAMES W. COLLINS, JR, M.D., M.P.H.

Medical Director, NICU, Children's Memorial Hospital

Professor of Pediatrics, Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine

Dr. Collins is board certified in pediatrics and neonatal medicine. He is a professor of pediatrics at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine. He is the Medical Director of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and the Associate Director of the Pediatric Residency Program at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago. He's a member of several advisory groups, including the Partnership to Eliminate Disparities in Infant Mortality, CityMatCH. He's the former chairmen of the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Infant Mortality. He has been the principal investigator on several grants examining racial disparities in perinatal outcomes. He has authored numerous research articles and is a frequent lecturer on issues related to perinatal and infant health. Dr. Collins has received several awards for his research, teaching, and leadership in maternal



SUZANNE CONZEN, M.D.

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University of Chicago Center for Interdisciplinary Health Disparity Research

Dr. Conzen is an Associate Professor of Medicine (Breast Medical Oncology) at The University of Chicago, with secondary appointments in the Cancer Center, the Ben May Department for Cancer Research and the Institute of Mind and Biology. She is also co-director of the University of Chicago Cancer Center's Program in Cell Signaling and Gene Regulation, and recently completed a two-year term as Chair of the Cancer Etiology Study Section of the NIH (2006-2008). Dr. Conzen's laboratory and clinical focus are on identifying molecular pathways in breast cancer as novel targets for effective prevention and treatment. For example, her laboratory identified an important role for glucocorticoid receptor signaling in triple negative breast cancer cell survival under conditions of physiological stress. This discovery led to her participation as a project leader in the NIH-funded Chicago Center for Interdisciplinary Health Disparity Research where she collaborates with social scientists and biopsychologists studying mechanisms whereby relative social isolation and the ensuing neuroendocrine stress response may alter mammary gland cancer biology in human breast cancer. Using this model, Dr. Conzen's data suggest that social stressors alter the neuroendocrine response as well as gene expression in the mammary gland, thereby providing a mechanistic link between the social environment and disease susceptibility.

LISA A. COOPER, M.D., M.P.H.

Professor of Medicine

Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

Dr. Lisa A. Cooper is Professor of Medicine at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore, Maryland. She has joint appointments at Johns Hopkins School of Nursing and in the Departments of Epidemiology and Health Policy and Management at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. She is a board-certified general internist and a health services and outcomes researcher. Dr. Cooper received her undergraduate degree from Emory University, her medical degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and her Master of Public Health degree from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. She completed residency training in Internal Medicine at the University of Maryland and General internal Medicine Fellowship training at Johns Hopkins. Dr. Cooper's research focuses on patient-centered strategies for improving outcomes and overcoming racial and ethnic disparities in healthcare. She has recently completed two federally funded clinical trials that evaluate the impact of primary care-based interventions to improve the quality of patient-physician communication, treatment, outcomes for hypertension and depression. Dr. Cooper has received honors for her work including election into the American Society for Clinical Investigation, the MacArthur Fellows Program, and the Delta Omega Honorary Society in Public Health.



DENICE CORA-BRAMBLE, M.D., M.B.A.

Executive Director, Goldberg Center for Community Pediatric Health
Children's National Medical Center

Denice Cora-Bramble, M.D., M.B.A. is the Executive Director of the Goldberg Center for Community Pediatric Health at Children's National Medical Center in Washington, DC. The Goldberg Center is one of six clinical Centers of Excellence and the largest provider of pediatric primary care in the District of Columbia. It includes the Divisions of General Pediatrics, Adolescent Medicine, Pediatric Dentistry, Pediatric Dermatology, the Child and Adolescent Protection Center, the Mobile Health Program, seven health centers and multiple related programs.

In her role as Executive Director, Dr. Cora-Bramble leads the clinical, research, education and advocacy activities of a multi-site staff of over 190, to include more than 38 medical and dental faculty members. She is the first minority and currently the only woman to lead a clinical center of excellence at Children's National. She is a Professor of Pediatrics at George Washington University School of Medicine and a bilingual, board-certified pediatrician. Her areas of expertise and interest are cultural competence, community pediatrics and faculty development.

SANDRA P. DALEY, M.D.

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Dr. Sandra P. Daley is Associate Chancellor/Chief Diversity Officer at the University of California, San Diego. Dr. Daley is the Principal Investigator for the UCSD Comprehensive Research Center in Health Disparities, which promotes training and research on health issues affecting populations at risk for experiencing health disparities. As the Director and Principal Investigator of the Health Careers Opportunity Program - San Diego Regional Consortium, Dr. Daley serves over 450 disadvantaged students a year from 7th grade to the post-baccalaureate level, providing them with the support and resources they need to advance academically and to be retained in the health sciences. Ninety-four percent (94%) of her high school students in the UCSD programs go on to college compared to a 45% national rate. 97% of her community college students transfer to a university compared to only 66% nationally, 53% of her undergraduates go on to graduate or professional school compared to 19% nationwide, and 93 to 96% of her post-baccalaureate students are admitted to medical and graduate schools after their participation in the program. These student achievements are the legacy of Dr. Daley's commitment to improve access and educational opportunities for San Diego's underserved schools and communities.



WILLIAM DARITY JR., PH.D.

Arts and Sciences Professor of Public Policy Studies, Economics, and African and African American Studies, Duke University

William Darity Jr. is the Arts and Sciences Professor of Public Policy at Duke University. His research interests include stratification economics, intergroup inequality at the national and cross-national levels, social psychology effects of unemployment, wealth disparities by race and ethnicity, and health disparities by race and ethnicity. His most recent major project has been serving as Editor in Chief of the 9-volume second edition of the International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences (2008).

PEGGYE DILWORTH-ANDERSON, PH.D.

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Dr. Peggye Dilworth-Anderson is Professor of Health Policy and Management, Gillings School of Global Public Health and Associate Director of Aging & Diversity/Institute on Aging (IOA) at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Her areas of expertise include minority aging and health, family caregiving, and health disparities. Her current research focuses on health disparities pertaining to Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. Her research is cited in professional journals as well as in the print media such as the New Times, USA Today, and local newspapers. Dr. Dilworth-Anderson is President -elect of the Gerontological Society of America, a member of the National Institute on Aging (NIA) Advisory Council (2007-2010), a member of the board of directors of the National Alzheimer's Association, and on the editorial board of three professional journals that address aging issues. Dr. Dilworth-Anderson completed her undergraduate training in sociology from Tuskegee Institute in 1970, and received her master's and doctorate degrees in sociology from Northwestern University in 1972 and 1975, respectively. She is a Fellow of the Gerontological Society and the National Council of Family Relations. Her professional affiliations include the Gerontological Society of America, American Sociological Association, and the American Public Health Association.



ROWENA DOLOR, M.D., M.H.S.

Director, Duke Primary Care Research Consortium

Dr. Rowena Dolor is a general internist at Duke and the Ambulatory Care Service at the Durham VA Medical Center, and a Research Associate at the Center for Health Services Research in Primary Care at the Durham VAMC. The focus of her research pertains to primary care clinical and outcomes research. She is an investigator of several federally-funded projects conducted in the community-based setting on hypertension, patient-provider communication, immunization, and medication therapy management. Since 1997, Dr. Dolor has been the director of the Primary Care Research Consortium (PCRC), a network of primary care practices in the Duke University Health System and outlying communities. The PCRC has participated in over 70 industry- and investigator-initiated studies on hypertension, hyperlipidemia, asthma, otitis, obesity, diabetes, depression, anticoagulation, and vaccines. The Duke PCRC is a registered network in the AHRQ PBRN and Inventory and Evaluation of Clinical Research Networks (IECRN) registries. Dr. Dolor serves as a member of the AHRQ PBRN Resource Center Steering Committee.

DENNIS DONOVAN, PH.D.

Director, Alcohol & Drug Abuse Institute; Professor, Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, University of Washington

Dr. Donovan received his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the University of Washington where he currently is Director of the University of Washington's Alcohol and Drug Abuse Institute and Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Washington. He was affiliated with the Addictions Treatment Center at the Seattle Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center for over 20 years, most recently as the Associate Director of the first Center of Excellence in Substance Abuse Treatment and Education. He has over 175 publications, including 5 books, in the area of alcoholism and drug dependence. He has served as an associate editor and/or as a member of the editorial boards for the Journal of Studies on Alcohol, Psychology of Addictive Behaviors, and Addiction. His research has been funded by NIAAA, NIDA, and CMHD and has been a member of the Clinical and Treatment Research Review Committee of NIAAA and the Behavioral AIDS Research Review Committee of NIDA. He is a member of a number of national professional organizations and served as President of the Society of Psychologists in Addictive Behaviors. He is a Fellow in Division 50 (Division on Addictions) of the American Psychological Association.



RASHIDA DORSEY, PH.D., M.P.H.

Program Analyst, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, HHS

Rashida Dorsey, Ph.D., M.P.H. is a program analyst in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE) at the Office of the Secretary for the Department of Health and Human Services. Dr. Dorsey serves as the data systems expert within ASPE's Office of Science and Data Policy. Prior to joining ASPE, Dr. Dorsey served as an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and worked at the National Center for Health Statistics. She earned her PhD in epidemiology from the University of Pittsburgh and her M.P.H. from Saint Louis University. Dr. Dorsey's areas of research include diabetes, obesity, racial/ethnic disparities, and population-based survey research.

PEBBLES FAGAN, PH.D., M.P.H.

Health Scientist, Tobacco Control Research Branch
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Dr. Fagan is a Health Scientist in the Tobacco Control Research Branch at the National Cancer Institute (NCI). She received her B.A. in Rhetoric/Communications and Afro-American Studies from the University of Virginia (1990), her M.P.H. in Health Education/Communications from Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine (1994), and her doctorate in Health Education from Texas A&M University (1997). Dr. Fagan completed a post-doctoral research fellowship at the Harvard School of Public Health and the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute (2001). Dr. Fagan conducts research and manages grants and contracts that address youth tobacco cessation and tobacco-related health disparities. She collaborates with multiple funding and academic organizations to identify ways to help people quit smoking; co-manage the Tobacco Research Network on Disparities; co-manage diversity initiatives; and plan and implement scientific initiatives that stimulate research in understudied areas of science. Dr. Fagan received a National Cancer Institute Director's Award for her collaborative work in training minority investigators and was recognized by Aetna Insurance in the Aetna African American History Calendar, 25th Anniversary Edition for her work in tobacco-related health disparities. In 2007, she received the National Institutes of Health Merit Award for her leadership in tobacco-related health disparities research. She is a member of the American Public Health Association and serves as Co-Chair of the Tobacco and Health Disparities Committee of the Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco. Dr. Fagan supervises interns and provides mentoring opportunities to young scientists.



ANITA FERNANDER, PH.D.

Assistant Professor

University of Kentucky, College of Medicine

Dr. Fernander is an Assistant Professor at the University of Kentucky, College of Medicine, Department of Behavioral Science. Dr. Fernander's research focuses on health disparities among African Americans. She examines the influence of ethno-culturally specific constructs such as race-related stress, John Henryism, and acculturation, on risk factors for cardiovascular disease and cancer (i.e., blood pressure and smoking). Dr. Fernander is a member of TReND, a transdisciplinary network, co-sponsored by the National Cancer Institute and the American Legacy Foundation, that is committed to understanding and eliminating tobacco related health disparities.

MICHAEL FINE, M.D. M.SC.

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Director Center for Health Equity Research and Promotion

VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System

Dr Michael Fine is Professor of Medicine and Associate Director of the Center for Research on Health Care at the University of Pittsburgh, and Director of the Center for Health Equity Research and Promotion, a VA Center of Excellence in Health Services Research at the VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System. Dr. Fine's overarching research theme focuses on ways to improve the quality and equity of medical care for patients with common medical problems. As Director of CHERP, he is particularly interested in conducting research to detect, understand, and eliminate disparities in health and health care among vulnerable patient populations. His past research employed retrospective and prospective cohort designs, with extensive emphasis on assessment of patient-centered outcomes. His current research utilizes randomized clinical trial design to test the effectiveness and safety of medical practice guidelines to improve the quality and efficiency of care for patients with common medical illnesses. Dr. Fine has over 132 peer review publications, is a member of the American Society of Clinical Investigation, serves on several editorial boards, and is a member of the National Advisory Council of the National Institute of Health Center for Minority Health and Health Disparities (NCMHD). Dr. Fine has mentored over 25 medical students, residents, fellows, graduate students, and junior faculty, the majority of whom currently hold academic positions.



JOHN FLACK, M.D., M.P.H., F.A.H.A., F.A.C.P.

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Dr. Flack is a Specialist in Clinical Hypertension and is Principal Investigator of the NIEHS-funded Center for Urban and African American Health. He is also Chairman of the Department of Medicine and Chief of the Division of Translational Research and Clinical Epidemiology at Wayne State University. Dr. Flack received a B.S. in Chemistry from Langston University (1978). He received the MD degree from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center (OUHSC) (1982) where he was elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Honor Society, completed an Internal Medicine residency and served as Chief Medicine Resident (1982-86). He subsequently completed an MPH in Epidemiology and an NIH fellowship in cardiovascular epidemiology at the University of Minnesota (1990). Dr. Flack has authored over 150 peer-reviewed publications ; he has been repeatedly named one of the "Best Doctors in America". He received the Pillar of Excellence award from the Michigan Peer Review Organization, the Health Care Hero award from Crain's Detroit Business (2005) for disparities-related research, the F. Dewey Dodrill Award from the American Heart Association (2007) was selected as a Crain's Detroit Business Health Care Hero for outstanding physician achievement (2005), and is a member of the Cardio-Renal Advisory Panel for the Food and Drug Administration.

ANGELA F. FORD, PH.D., M.S.W.

Associate Director, Center for Minority Health

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Dr. Ford joined the University in 1990 as the Program Director for the University's Alzheimer Outreach Center, the community satellite component of the Alzheimer Disease Research Center. In 1996, Ford was appointed Associate Director of the Center for Minority Health (CMH) at the Graduate School of Public Health. In this capacity she provides guidance and supervision to all program operations and directs the Community Engagement Research Core of the Research Center of Excellence in Minority Health Disparities. Ford received her undergraduate degree in Sociology from Central State University and both her Master and PhD in Social Work, along with a Certificate in Gerontology, from the University of Pittsburgh. She is a passionate advocate for mentoring adult women, as evidenced by the women's health promotion network she established in 1997 - BWHOLE: Black Women and Health Outreach for Longer Life and Empowerment.

Dr. Ford has received numerous awards and acknowledgements, including the YWCA of Greater Pittsburgh Tribute to Women, Renaissance Publications Trailblazer, The New Pittsburgh Courier 50 Most Influential Women, National Association of Professional and Business Women Woman of the Year, Onyx Woman Magazine 25 Women to Know, Alpha Phi Alpha and Alpha Kappa Alpha Spirit of the Everyday Hero and Alpha Phi Alpha Contributions to Public Health.



MONA FOUAD, M.D., M.P.H.

Professor of Medicine

Director, UAB Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center

Dr. Fouad is Professor in UAB Preventive Medicine, and Director of the UAB Minority Health and Research Center. She serves as PI for NCI-funded CanCORS and UAB Minority Screening Center of the PLCO Cancer Screening Trial. She is PI for the CDC-funded project, REACH 2010, and its continuation, REACH US, a model that will serve as an infrastructure to implement, evaluate, and disseminate locally, regionally and nationally a community action plan to reduce cancer disparities between African American and white women. She is PI of the NCMHD-funded CMHDC which focuses upon the interdisciplinary research efforts needed to understand and eliminate problems related to cancer screening and diabetes/obesity in the Deep South. Dr. Fouad has played a prominent leadership role in the merging of efforts with UAB and Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) to train minority researchers and leaders in the national effort to eliminate health disparities, serving as Co-PI for the NCI-funded Deep South Network for Cancer Control and the Morehouse School of Medicine/Tuskegee University/UAB Partnership, and is responsible for training and career development of minority students and faculty. Through these efforts Dr. Fouad makes enormous contributions to the next generation of leaders in the fight against health disparities.

JANET. C. FRANK, DR.P.H.

Director, National Coordinating Center for Resource Centers for Minority Aging Research (RCMAR)

Janet. C. Frank, Dr.P.H. is Assistant Director for Academic Programs for the UCLA Multicampus Program in Geriatric Medicine and Gerontology, and holds a faculty appointment at the UCLA School of Public Health. She has a Master's in Gerontology from the University of Southern California, and a Doctorate of Public Health from UCLA.

She is Director of the NIA-funded Coordinating Center for the Resource Centers for Minority Aging Research (RCMAR). The RCMARs enhance the diversity of the professional workforce by mentoring minority academic researchers for careers in minority aging research in order to better address health disparities research with older adults. The Coordinating Center seeks to improve the work of the centers through convenings, cross-center communication, collaborative opportunities and dissemination.

Dr. Frank also directs California Geriatric Education Center, an interdisciplinary statewide training center; serves as the Administrator for the UCLA Claude D. Pepper Older American Independence Center (OAIC); and directs a faculty development project "A System's Approach to Improving Aging Education in California", supported by the US Department of Education's Funds to Improve Post-Secondary Education (FIPSE) program.



GILBERT FRIEDELL, M.D.

Director Emeritus, Markey Cancer Center, University of Kentucky

In 1983 Dr. Friedell became the first Director of the Markey Center. He also was the Founding Director of the Kentucky Cancer Registry, the Principal Investigator of the NCI Mid-South Cancer Information Service, and Co-Director of a statewide cancer control outreach program. In 1990 he stepped down to become Director for Cancer Control. In 1994 he was a founder of Kentucky Homeplace, a lay health worker program funded by the Kentucky Legislature to facilitate access to healthcare services for the underserved. It is now active in 58 primarily rural counties across the state. He retired from the University in 1998, but continues his efforts to improve the health of the public. He currently heads the statewide, independent, non-partisan, citizens' Committee for Health System Transformation (the Friedell Committee).

Among his honors is a Special Recognition Award from the Appalachian Regional Commission in 2003 for "Untiring commitment, dedication and leadership in improving the health and wellbeing of the people of Appalachia."

DEBRA FURR-HOLDEN, PH.D.

Director of the Drug Investigations, Violence and Environmental Studies
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Dr. Furr-Holden is an epidemiologist by training with expertise in drug and alcohol dependence epidemiology, psychiatric epidemiology, prevention science and psychosocial measurement. In the last 5 years her work has focused in large part on developing environmental strategies for violence, alcohol, tobacco and other drug prevention in high-risk urban settings. On July 26, 2006, Dr. Furr-Holden was awarded the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE) by virtue of her early career accomplishments in environmental research. While broad in scope, Dr. Furr-Holden's research foci are all centered on effective health promotion strategies. Dr. Furr-Holden is the Director of the Drug Investigations, Violence and Environmental Studies Laboratory at The Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health.



FRANCESCA GANY, M.D., M.S.

Founder and Director of the Center for Immigrant Health
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Francesca Gany, M.D., M.S. is the founder and Director of the Center for Immigrant Health, New York University School of Medicine. The Center for Immigrant Health is a network of over 1000 community members, social scientists, and health care and public health professionals working with the diverse immigrant groups in New York and nationally. The Center's mission is to improve access to, and quality of, health care for New York's immigrant populations through research, education, information dissemination, and program and policy development.

Dr. Gany has extensive background in immigrant health research, education, and program and policy development. Dr. Gany has served as the Principal Investigator on a number of pioneering immigrant health projects in the areas of language access and cultural competence, technology and immigrant health, insurance and access, tuberculosis, cancer, and cardiovascular disease. Her research has led to the development of long-term policy and programmatic changes in immigrant health.

Dr. Gany holds a B.S. in Biology from Yale University, an M.D. from Mt. Sinai School of Medicine, and an M.S. in Health Policy from the Wagner Graduate School of Public Service.

PIERCE GARDNER, M.D.

Professor of Medicine and Public Health
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Pierce Gardner, M.D., is a Professor of Medicine and Public Health at the State University of New York (SUNY) at Stony Brook Medical School and a consultant for the International Clinical Scholars Program at the Fogarty International Center, NIH. For 9 years, Dr. Gardner served as the liaison representative of the American College of Physicians to the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices at the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). He also served in the Epidemic Intelligence Service at the CDC, where he was Chief of the Central Nervous System Viral Surveillance Unit.

Dr. Gardner has published more than 125 articles, reviews, and books, primarily focused on international travel immunization and health issues. He has a long interest in adult immunization, and has served as editor of the most recent edition of the Guide for Adult Immunization, which was published by the American College of Physicians and Infectious Diseases Society of America. After graduating from Harvard Medical School, Dr. Gardner trained in Internal Medicine at the University of Washington and at Case Western Reserve. He completed a fellowship in Infectious Diseases at the Massachusetts General Hospital. His major academic appointments have been at Harvard Medical School, the University of Chicago, and SUNY at Stony Brook, where he was also Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.



GILBERT C. GEE, PH.D.

Associate Professor of Community Health Sciences
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Gilbert C. Gee, Ph.D., is an Associate Professor of Community Health Sciences at the University of California, Los Angeles. Dr. Gee received his doctorate from Johns Hopkins University, post-doctoral training from Indiana University, Bloomington, and formerly taught at the University of Michigan. His work focuses on how stressors at multiple levels may contribute to health disparities, with particular emphasis on immigrant and ethnic minority populations. His work has received the Scientific and Technical Achievement Awards from the EPA in 2008 for research on health disparities, a NIH Group Merit Award for development of tools to assess racial discrimination in 2008, and the “best paper” Award from the Asian and Pacific Islander Caucus of the American Public Health Association in 2007. Current projects include the assessment of several approaches to measuring self-reported discrimination, the development of methods to objectively assess discrimination in health care, and in the study of discrimination and chronic illness in United States, Japan, and the Philippines.

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In 1993, she established the UIC JACSW Midwest Latino Health Research, Training and Policy Center, where she has been conducting research on health disparities training Latino/minority investigators and engaging in policy work emerging from the research findings. Currently, she conducts research and trains professionals and community health workers across the United States, Puerto Rico, Central and South America, Mexico and along the U. S.-Mexico border. Dr. Giachello is a co-founder and currently president of the Board of the National Hispanic/Latino Diabetes Federation, a national nonprofit organization engaging in linguistic and culturally appropriate community outreach, education, community and system change, research and advocacy work in diabetes types and associated conditions and risk factors.

GARY H. GIBBONS, M.D.

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Gary H. Gibbons, M.D. is the endowed Director of the Morehouse Cardiovascular Research Institute, a Professor of Medicine and Chairman of the Department of Physiology. He also serves as Program Director of the Center of Clinical Research Excellence and the NIH T-32 Training Program in Cardiovascular Science. Dr. Gibbons is a board-certified cardiologist with research training expertise in molecular vascular biology. He earned his undergraduate degree from Princeton University and graduated magna cum laude from Harvard Medical School in Boston. He completed his residency and cardiology fellowship at the Harvard-affiliated Brigham & Women's Hospital in Boston.

He has been selected as a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Minority Faculty Development Awardee, a Pew Foundation Biomedical Scholar, an Established Investigator of the American Heart Association (AHA) and was recently elected as member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences. Dr. Gibbons was a member of the faculty at Stanford University (1990-1996) and Harvard Medical School (1996-1999) before becoming the founding Director of the Morehouse Cardiovascular Research Institute in July 1999.



ROSEMARY GIBBONS

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Rosemary Gibbons Mimbres Apache/ Chicana, Masters degree from the Native Voices Program at the University of Washington. A steering committee member for the, Boarding School Healing Project (BSHP), the BSHP is involved in education, validation, healing and making the Federal Government accountable for the Indian boarding school policies. A board member of the "Long House Media" and a steering committee member of INCITE an organization to end violence against women of Color. Rosemary was the State MESA Project Manager of a native youth video program called "Reel Stories." Rosemary completed her position as a Junior PI for the Native People for Cancer Center at the University of Washington, Seattle. Rosemary is a lecturer and an independent film director/producer. Rosemary's video: "A Century Of Genocide in the America's: A Residential School Experience." Won best documentary short at the 2003 San Francisco American Indian Film Festival.

JOSEPH GILBERT

Chief of Walpole Island First Nation
Joseph B. Gilbert (Spiritual Name in Ojibway is Amskhogobwid, meaning "He who stands Strong")

Joseph B. Gilbert is a North American Indian of the Odawa and Ojibway Nation from Walpole Island First Nation, located in Southern Ontario.

Joseph has been an elected Council Member for three terms, before becoming elected as Chief. Joseph has served as elected Chief for four terms since first being elected in Council in 1990. Joseph maintains a dual role in the community as a Political and Spiritual Leader having assumed the Senior Pastor's position of Walpole Island Evangelistic Centre 2002 to the present time. Joseph is passionate in defending the rights of his people and in seeking to advance their cause by addressing the historic injustices resulting from European contact, while seeking to turn such barriers into bridges of opportunity.



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Dr. Gil-Kashiwabara is a Research Assistant Professor at Portland State University, Regional Research Institute for Human Services. She is currently the Principal Investigator for the Nak-Nu-Wit Systems of Care Project, which is implementing and evaluating culturally appropriate mental health services for American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) children, youth and families in the greater-Portland metro area. Dr. Gil-Kashiwabara has also been Principal Investigator on numerous projects addressing AI/AN children's mental health, high school to adulthood transition planning for Latinas with disabilities, and gender issues as they relate to transition planning. Her research interests include children's mental health disparity in the Latino/a and AI/AN communities, especially with regard to the culturally inappropriate testing.

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PAUL A. GODLEY, M.D., PH.D., M.P.P.

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Paul A. Godley, M.D., Ph.D., M.P.P., is a Professor in the Division of Hematology/Oncology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine, Adjunct Professor in the Department of Epidemiology at the UNC School of Public Health, member of the UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center, and a Senior Fellow at the UNC Sheps Center for Health Services Research. Dr. Godley is a graduate of Yale University and Harvard Medical School, and holds a PhD in epidemiology from the UNC School of Public Health. He has also earned a master's degree in public policy from Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government. In addition to leading prostate cancer clinical trials he has federally funded research experience in the epidemiology of prostate cancer, determinants of treatment choice, and treatment outcomes of this common condition that disproportionately affects African Americans. Dr. Godley is PI of the NCI-funded, "Carolina Community Networks," which utilizes community-based participatory research to develop cancer prevention interventions, and directs component projects examining racial differences in prostate cancer screening, treatment and care-seeking behavior as part of the Department of Defense Prostate Cancer Consortium grant, "Racial Differences in Prostate Cancer; Influence of Health Care Interaction and Host and Tumor Biology."

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Deborah Goebert, Dr.P.H. is an Associate Professor and Associate Director of Research at the Department of Psychiatry, John A. Burns School of Medicine, University of Hawai`i. She grew up on the windward side of O`ahu and, for the last 20 years, has worked toward reducing health disparities in Hawai`i and the Pacific Basin. She is currently involved in several research projects. She is the Center Director for the Alcohol Research Center of Hawai`i, a team member of the Asian Pacific Islander Youth Violence Prevention Center and the National Center for Indigenous Hawaiian Behavioral Health. Additionally, she assists graduate students, psychiatry residents and departmental faculty with developing applied research. Her interests include social epidemiology, youth violence and substance abuse prevention and early intervention; women's health, acculturation, and family support.



DIANE GOLD, M.D., M.P.H.

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Dr. Diane Gold is Associate Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School and Associate Professor of Environmental Health at Harvard School of Public Health. As a pulmonary physician and epidemiologist, her research has focused on two major areas (1) the influence of early-life environmental exposures on allergy and asthma development, and (2) cardiovascular and pulmonary effects of air pollution.

She served on the Institute of Medicine Committee on Asthma and Indoor Air and is currently charged with summarizing the health effects of adolescent smoking for the 2010 Surgeon General's Report. As Principal Investigator of the Program Project "Ambient Particles and Cardiac Vulnerability in Humans," she leads a multidisciplinary research group examining cardiovascular, cerebrovascular, pulmonary, inflammatory, and autonomic effects of ambient pollution in vulnerable populations, including people with diabetes. She is also Principal Investigator or co-investigator/consultant to five U.S. birth cohort studies evaluating the relation of early-life environmental exposures on allergy and asthma development: The 14-year-old Epidemiology of Home Allergens and Asthma Study focuses on identification of protective as well adverse immune and symptom responses to indoor biologic exposures (e.g., indoor allergens, fungi, endotoxin) and stress. Through her birth cohort research she and her colleagues have evaluated socioeconomic disparities in allergy and asthma, and the environmental factors that may contribute to these disparities.

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Ms. Goode is an assistant professor in the Department of Pediatrics, Georgetown University Medical Center and Director of the National Center for Cultural Competence (NCCC) in Washington, D.C. She has been actively involved in the development and implementation of programs and initiatives in the area of cultural and linguistic competency at local, national and international levels. These efforts address the needs of diverse audiences including health and mental health care, community/advocacy organizations, professional societies/organizations, and institution of higher education. Ms. Goode is nationally recognized as a thought leader in the area of cultural and linguistic competency and had a primary role in:

- creating instruments, protocols, and a checklist series to assess cultural and linguistic competency for providers and health and mental health care organizations;
- conceiving and developing a curricula enhancement module series for leadership education in cultural and linguistic competency for health professionals;
- creating a professional development/inservice training series for personnel of the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services;
- building the NCCC into a nationally and internationally award winning program.



MARIAN GORNICK

Marian Gornick was the director of a research division at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid services (CMS) that was responsible for studying public policy issues relating to these programs. Several of her research studies focused on the impact of these programs on the beneficiaries, including articles evaluating Medicare ten years, twenty years, and thirty years after implementation of the program. A number of these studies highlighted the persistent disparities—by race, ethnicity, and socioeconomic status—in the use of covered services. Since leaving CMS she published a book, entitled “Vulnerable Populations and Medicare Services: Why Do Disparities Exist?” In addition she conducted new research that shed light on some of the factors influencing disparities in Medicare. She also had published reviews of several proposals for reforming health care in the U.S.

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Dr. Gretch has served on the Editorial Boards of the Journal of Virology and the World Journal of Gastroenterology, and as a peer reviewer for numerous scientific and medical journals. He is a standing member on the NIH Clinical Research and Field Studies in Infectious Diseases study section, and has served as an ad hoc reviewer for numerous other NIH and non-NIH study sections. Areas of expertise include hepatitis C virus diagnostic testing, viral genomics and kinetics, and molecular pathogenesis of chronic hepatitis C. He is the Principle Investigator for two large human cohort studies on hepatitis C sponsored by the National Institutes of Health. Dr. Gretch is also a Member of the Steering Committee and Director of the Virology Laboratory for the NIH HALT-C Trial.



AMY GROOM, M.P.H.

IHS Immunization Program Manager/CDC Field Assignee

Amy Groom is a CDC field assignee from the Immunization Services Division. She is assigned to the Indian Health Service where she has served as the IHS National Immunization Program Manager for the last 7 years. She holds an MPH from Boston University. In her current position, Amy acts as a liaison between CDC and IHS, and works with IHS Areas, tribes, and state immunization programs to develop policies and programs to ensure AI/AN people have access to recommended vaccines. She oversees the IHS immunization reporting process and has collaborated with colleagues at CDC to examine AI/AN immunization coverage using data from the National Immunization Survey. She also oversees the IHS data exchange project, which seeks to develop an electronic 2 way exchange between the IHS electronic medical record system and state immunization information systems.

JOSEPH GRZYWACZ, PH.D.

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Dr. Grzywacz is internationally recognized for his research focused on work, family, and health. Adults' everyday work and family life play a powerful role in shaping many health-related processes ranging from personal lifestyle behaviors to exposure to hazardous conditions, including psychological and social stressors. Dr. Grzywacz's research links aspects of daily work and family life to health, with particular emphasis on identifying viable programmatic or policy-relevant solutions to pressing public health problems, particularly building health equity for all. Dr. Grzywacz's research is consistently recognized as among the "best of the best", and it has been published in journals such as the Social Science and Medicine, Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health, Ethnicity & Disease, American Journal of Health Promotion, Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, Journal of Health and Social Behavior, and American Journal of Industrial Medicine. His research is supported by public and private sponsors including the National Institutes of Health and the Alfred P. Sloan foundation.



MARYA GWADZ, PH.D.

Senior Research Scientist

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MARGARET HARGREAVES, PH.D.

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Dr. Margaret K. Hargreaves is a nutritionist whose research interests have expanded into epidemiological and behavioral sciences approaches to health risk reduction in minority populations. She is a graduate of McGill University, the University of California at Berkeley, and the University of Toronto. Dr. Hargreaves was a founding member of the Drew-Meharry-Morehouse Consortium Cancer Center at Meharry Medical College, Nashville, TN, working first as Associate Director and Nutrition Investigator, and then as Director of the Center and Director of the Primary Prevention Program Area. She is currently Professor and Director of the Prevention Research Unit in the Department of Internal Medicine at Meharry, where she works on interventions associated with cancer, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, stroke and asthma. She is Principal Investigator of the Meharry Medical College-Community Health Centers-Community Networks Program, that seeks to implement proven cancer prevention and control interventions in African Americans using three urban Community Health Centers in Tennessee, and Co-Principal Investigator of the Southern Community Cohort Study, a large-scale epidemiological study in the Southeastern United States, that seeks to understand the causes of the higher rates of cancer mortality and other diseases among African Americans in this region. Dr. Hargreaves is also Director, at Meharry, of the Behavioral and Health Disparities Core of the Diabetes Research and Training Center of Vanderbilt University Medical Center.



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Dr. Hasnain-Wynia (Romana) is Director, Center for Healthcare Equity and Associate Professor, Research at Northwestern University, Feinberg School of Medicine. Prior to joining Northwestern University, Romana was the Vice President of research for the Health Research and Educational-Trust, the research and educational affiliate of the American Hospital Association.

She currently serves as the principal investigator of a large portfolio of projects examining use of patient demographic data in addressing disparities and improving health care quality for diverse populations. She serves on a number of national expert advisory panels and is currently a senior advisor to the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations on the project, Hospitals, Language and Culture: A Snapshot of the Nation and to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's national initiative to reduce disparities in cardiac care, Expecting Success: Excellence in Cardiac Care. Romana is Senior Associate Editor for the journal, Health Services Research.

JAMES HÉBERT, SC.D., M.S.P.H.

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Dr. James R. Hébert received his masters' degree in Environmental Health and Epidemiology from the University of Washington and his doctorate in Nutritional Epidemiology from Harvard University. After returning to the US in 1985 from working in Asia and Africa, he has worked in cancer-related research, teaching and service. Collaborations have included those with colleagues overseas and in connecting to high-risk populations in this country.

Since coming to South Carolina in 1999, Dr. Hebert has received 24 federally funded grants, including five each on breast, colorectal, and prostate cancer, and eight on a combination of these and other cancers. In September 2003, Dr. Hébert was named the Founding Director of the South Carolina Statewide Cancer Prevention and Control Program, which includes as one of its central missions junior faculty development and student training in community-based participatory research. Currently, he is the Director of the NCI-funded South Carolina Cancer Disparities Community Network, one of the 25 Community Networks Programs funded by the NCI/CRCHD.



THOMAS HENNESSY, M.D., M.P.H.

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Dr. Hennessy joined the Public Health Service as a family physician on the Navajo Reservation in 1990. He joined CDC in 1994 through the Epidemic Intelligence Service, and since then has served as an infectious disease epidemiologist, including the last 10 years in Alaska. He received a M.D. from the Mayo Clinic, a M.P.H. from Emory University and is board certified in Preventive Medicine.

He is the Director of the Arctic Investigations Program, CDC's infectious disease field research station located in Anchorage, Alaska. The program's mission is to prevent infectious diseases in Arctic and subarctic populations, with an emphasis on indigenous people's health. AIP conducts disease surveillance and public health research to determine risk factors for disease, evaluate prevention strategies and to improve laboratory diagnosis. The AIP is located on the campus of the Alaska Native Medical Center where they work closely with Tribal health organizations to prevent infectious diseases.

RONDA HENRY-TILLMAN, M.D., F.A.C.S.

Surgical Oncologist
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Dr. Ronda Henry-Tillman is a surgical oncologist specializing in women's oncology at UAMS Medical Center. She is a Professor in the Department of Surgery, and a fellow of the American College of Surgeons. She is Practice Director for the Ladies' Oncology Clinic, and the Director of Cancer Control at the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute. As Director, she heads efforts to reduce the mortality, health disparities and cancer burden of Arkansans. She has developed numerous interventions that target cancer disparities.

Dr. Henry-Tillman has been recognized as a leader in cancer diagnosis and treatment. She has numerous publications, and has made national and international presentations on MRI and breast cancer staging and the advancements in breast cancer treatment, as well as cancer disparities interventions. She is federally funded in disparities research, with research interests prevalent in cancer education and awareness and community-based participatory research.



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Dr. Hill-Briggs is Director of the Cognition and Behavior Sub-Core of the Baltimore Diabetes Research and Training Center. Her NIH-funded research examines cognitive and behavioral processes in chronic disease and disability, particularly addressing health disparities in diabetes. She conducts randomized trials of interventions to improve patient self-management and clinical outcomes through educational, behavioral, and cognitive approaches, with an emphasis on methods for adapting standard protocols and interventions for cultural relevance, usability, and accessibility. She has numerous peer-reviewed scientific publications and book chapters in the fields of behavioral medicine, diabetes, rehabilitation, and neuropsychology.

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SHERRY HIROTA

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Sherry M. Hirota is the CEO of Asian Health Services, based in Oakland, California. In addition to her executive responsibilities at AHS, her professional and community affiliations include serving on the Boards of the Chez Panisse Foundation, Community Health Centers Network, and National Association of Community Health Centers. She is the founding Board member of the Association of Asian & Pacific Islander Community Health Organizations and current Chair of the Alameda Health Consortium Board of Directors. She was appointed to the Advisory Committee on Research on Minority Health for NIH and has been on the Advisory Board for the Bureau of Primary Health Care's National Center for Cultural Competence. She has also served as Health Chair of Dellums Commission to Expand Pathways for Young Men of Color.

Her articles have been printed in publications including Confronting Critical Issues of Asian & Pacific Islander Americans (1994), Immigrant Women's Health Problems & Solutions (1999), and the Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved (2006).

Ms. Hirota's numerous commendations include the 2008 East Bay Business Times Women of Distinction Award; the NACHC 2007 Betsey K. Cooke Grassroots MVP Award, and the Office of Minority Health's 2006 Community Leadership Award.

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He has been a volunteer for the American Cancer Society since 1964 and was elected national President of the American Cancer Society in 1992. He has been a member of the Governing Board of the Intercultural Cancer Council (ICC) since its founding in 1995 and received the ICC LaSalle D. Leffall, Jr. MD award in 1997. He is principal Investigator of the NCI funded program Asian American Network for Cancer Awareness, Research, and Training (AANCART) site in Hawaii.



RICHARD HOFRICHTER, PH.D.

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Richard Hofrichter is Senior Analyst, Health Equity, for the National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO), Washington, DC. He is the editor of *Health and Social Justice: Politics, Ideology, and Inequity in the Distribution of Disease* (Jossey-Bass, 2003), *Reclaiming the Environmental Debate: The Politics of Health in a Toxic Culture*, MIT Press, 2000, *Toxic Struggles*, University of Utah Press, 2002 (1993), and co-editor with Rajiv Bhatia, *Tackling Health Inequities Through Public Health Practice: Theory to Action*, forthcoming, fall, 2009, Oxford Univ. Press. As staff to the Health Equity and Social Justice Advisory Group at NACCHO, he has worked to develop the Local Health Department National Coalition for Health Equity under a grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and is drafting Guidelines for Health Equity for local health departments under a grant from the California Endowment. Richard has also worked closely as a consultant with California Newsreel on the PBS documentary "Unnatural Causes: Is Inequality Making Us Sick," in a campaign to encourage local health departments to convene town-hall events to screen the film as a tool for dialogue with communities about actions that can address the root causes of health inequity.

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Her major research interests are in cardiovascular disease, particularly in relation to diabetes and its occurrence in diverse ethnic groups. She has several current research projects the Strong Heart Study, the Women's Health Initiative Study, the GOCADAN Study and SANDS Study.



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Dr. George Howard is Professor and Chair of Biostatistics at the UAB. He is PI for the REasons for Geographic and Racial Differences in Stroke (REGARDS) project, a nationwide longitudinal epidemiological study of 30,000 black and white participants over age 45. He is co-PI for the Trial of Early Aggressive Treatment of Rheumatoid Arthritis (TEAR), a randomized trial of approaches to slow the progression of early arthritis. He is the immediate past PI of the Coordinating Centers the Carotid Revascularization Endarterectomy Stenting Trial (CREST) and Secondary Prevention of Small Subcortical Strokes (SPS3), and remains involved in both studies.

AMIE HSIA, M.D.

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Dr. Amie Hsia is Associate Medical Director of the Washington Hospital Center Stroke Center, Assistant Professor of Neurology at Georgetown University, and a member of the NIH Stroke Program. She received her undergraduate degree from Harvard University and her medical degree from Duke University. She completed her neurology residency at Stanford University where she also served as chief resident. She remained at Stanford for her fellowship training in stroke and neurocritical care.

Born and raised in the D.C. metropolitan area, she returned to D.C. for the opportunity to provide advanced stroke care to residents in the area and contribute to the development of a stroke network both within the District and throughout the region. Through her work as Primary Investigator for the NIH-funded project: Acute Stroke Program of Interventions addressing Racial and Ethnic disparities (ASPIRE) that is part of the Stroke Disparities Program, she pursues one of her research interests involving evaluating and reducing the barriers to acute stroke treatment in underserved urban communities. Through her work with the NIH Stroke Program, she also works on developing acute stroke treatments with advanced neuroimaging.



CARLESSIA HUSSEIN, DR.P.H., M.S., B.S., R.N.

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Dr. Carlessia A. Hussein graduated from the Freedmen's Hospital School of Nursing in Washington D.C., and obtained a Public Health Doctorate at the University of California, Berkeley.

Dr. Hussein manages the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities (MHHD) in the Office of the Maryland Secretary of Health since 2004. This Office promotes statewide actions to eliminate health disparities; manages a website, www.mdhealthdisparities.org; assists health department programs to increase their focus on health disparities; funds local groups to reduce cancer and tobacco-related health disparities; funds a minority infant mortality reduction pilot project; publishes health disparities data; collaborates with health professional institutions to increase minority matriculation; and recommends positions on legislation that impact minorities.

She directs the Maryland Cigarette Restitution Fund Program (CRFP) since 2000 and oversees the use of tobacco settlement funds to reduce tobacco use and control cancer. From 1996 to 2000, Dr. Hussein managed the Community and Public Health Administration in Maryland which was responsible for the traditional public health programs in Maryland's 23 counties and Baltimore City and oversight of two chronic disease facilities in the State.

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Professor and Dean of the Maurice H. Kornberg School of Dentistry
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Dr. Amid I. Ismail, B.D.S., M.P.H., Dr.P.H., M.B.A., is a Professor and Dean of the Maurice H. Kornberg School of Dentistry, Temple University. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Dental Public Health. Dr. Ismail has been an actively funded researcher for 24 years with expertise in population based cross-sectional and longitudinal studies. His areas of interest are caries research, population health, and interventions to reduce disparities in oral and dental conditions. He has extensive expertise in the field of evidence-based healthcare and has been active in promoting the use of science in decision making. He directed the Detroit Center for Research on Oral Health Disparities and the Detroit Oral Cancer Prevention Project. He currently has a UO1 to develop an integrated multi-site trial to reduce disparities in dental caries in urban center. Dr. Ismail has received awards from the International Association for Dental Research (H. Trendley Dean Award), the Regents' of the University of Michigan (Community Service; and the Michigan Primary Care Association (community service).

BARBARA A. ISRAEL, DR.P.H., M.P.H.

Professor, Department of Health Behavior and Health Education
School of Public Health, University of Michigan

Barbara A. Israel is a Professor in the Department of Health Behavior and Health Education at the School of Public Health, University of Michigan. Dr. Israel has published widely in the areas of community-based participatory research, community empowerment, evaluation, stress and health, and social support and social networks. Her research interests include: the social and physical environmental determinants of health and health inequalities; the relationship among stress, social support, control and physical and mental health; community empowerment and health; and community-based participatory research (CBPR). Dr. Israel has extensive experience conducting community-based participatory research in collaboration with partners in diverse communities. With initial funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in 1995, she has worked together with community and academic partners to establish and maintain the Detroit Community-Academic Urban Research Center. The Center involves multiple funded research and intervention projects aimed at increasing knowledge and addressing factors associated with health disparities of residents in Detroit, Michigan. Dr. Israel is actively involved in several of these CBPR projects examining and addressing, for example, the social and physical environmental determinants of cardiovascular disease, the environmental triggers of childhood asthma, diabetes prevention, and capacity building for policy change.



TANIA ISRAEL, PH.D.

Associate Professor

University of California, Santa Barbara

Tania Israel is an Associate Professor in the Department of Counseling, Clinical, and School Psychology at the University of California, Santa Barbara. She received her doctoral degree in Counseling Psychology from Arizona State University in 1998, and she also has degrees in Women's Studies and Human Sexuality Education. Her scholarship focuses on LGBT mental health services and community development; intersections among gender, ethnicity, and sexual orientation; and social justice. She is currently involved in a community-based participatory research project in collaboration with LGBT service providers and community members.

Dr. Israel is the recipient of a five-year career development grant from the National Institute of Mental Health, an Early Career Award for Contributions to LGBT Psychology from the Section for LGB Awareness of the Society of Counseling Psychology, the Barbara Kirk Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Research from The Society of Counseling Psychology, the Glen E. Hubele National Graduate Student Award from the American Counseling Association, and awards for her service to UCSB and the Santa Barbara community. She is the Lead Coordinator for the 2009 National Multicultural Conference and Summit.

JAMES S. JACKSON, PH.D.

Director, Institute for Social Research

University of Michigan

James S. Jackson is the Daniel Katz Distinguished University Professor of Psychology, Professor of Health Behavior and Health Education, School of Public Health, and Director of the Institute for Social Research, all at the University of Michigan. His research focuses on issues of racial and ethnic influences on life course development, attitude change, reciprocity, social support, and coping and health among blacks in the Diaspora. He is past Director of the Center for Afroamerican and African Studies and past national president of the Black Students Psychological Association and Association of Black Psychologists. He is the recipient of the Distinguished Career Contributions to Research Award, Society for the Psychological Study of Ethnic Minority Issues, American Psychological Association, and recently received the James McKeen Cattell Fellow Award for Distinguished Career Contributions in Applied Psychology from the Association for Psychological Sciences. He is an elected a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies of Sciences.



ADEOLA JAIYEOLA, M.D., M.H.S.C.

Principal Investigator

Native American Research Center for Health

After graduating from Ibadan College of Medicine, Nigeria, Dr. Jaiyeola began her public health career in 1982. She has a Masters in Community Health and Epidemiology, and is a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Canada. She served as the Regional Community Medicine Specialist for Aboriginal communities in Northern Ontario from 1996 to 1997 and as the Research Epidemiologist for Tarrant County Public Health, Fort Worth Texas from 1997 to 2006. In 2006, Dr. Jaiyeola became the Director of the Northern Plains Epidemiology Center (NPTEC) in Rapid City, South Dakota where she currently leads a team of public health professionals to provide leadership, technical assistance, advocacy and support to 18 Northern Plains tribes in a four-state region (South Dakota, North Dakota, Iowa, and Nebraska) to improve health and reduce health disparities. She is currently the PI for several research projects designed to reduce health disparities in Native communities including the Native American Research Center for Health (NARCH), "Using CBR to Improve the Oral Health in Northern Plains children", and the Northern Plains Tribal Cancer Data Initiative (NPTCDI). She is the author of the chapter on "Health Disparities in Native Americans" in Cultural Proficiency in Addressing Health Disparities.

CARA JAMES, PH.D.

Senior Policy Analyst

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Cara James is the Senior Policy Analyst for the Race, Ethnicity and Health Care group, and the Director of the Barbara Jordan Health Policy Scholars Program at the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation. She also one of the moderators for the Foundation's series Today's Topics in Health Disparities. Cara's research interests include racial/ethnic minority health, care for the disabled and other underserved populations, and improving doctor-patient communication.

Cara came to the Foundation via Harvard University, from which she graduated with a Ph.D. in Health Policy. Her dissertation research focused broadly on issues related to quality of care and racial and ethnic health disparities among individuals with end-stage renal disease.

As a doctoral student, Cara co-authored one of the background chapters for the Institute of Medicine's report *Unequal Treatment*, and was part of the Consumer Assessments of Health Plans (CAHPS) survey team that developed a national survey to measure patient assessments of care at dialysis facilities.



SHERMAN A. JAMES, PH.D.

Susan B. King Professor of Public Policy Studies in the Terry Sanford Institute for Public Policy, Duke University

Sherman A. James is the Susan B. King Professor of Public Policy Studies in the Terry Sanford Institute for Public Policy, Duke University. Prior to joining Duke University, he taught in the Epidemiology departments at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill (1973-89) and at the University of Michigan (1989-03). At Michigan, he was the John P. Kirsch Collegiate Professor of Public Health, the Founding Director (1998-2003) of the Center for Research on Ethnicity, Culture and Health (CRECH), Chairman (1999-2003) of the Department of Health Behavior and Health Education, and a Senior Research Scientist in the Survey Research Center at the Institute for Social Research. As a Social Epidemiologist, Dr. James' research focuses on racial and ethnic inequalities in health status, and health care, and community-based and public policy interventions designed to minimize, and ultimately eliminate, these inequalities.

Dr. James was elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences in 2000. Dr. James has served on numerous editorial boards and is a former Associate Editor of *Ethnicity and Disease*, and the *American Journal of Public Health*. He is the 2007-2008 president of the Society for Epidemiologic Research. Dr. James received his Ph.D. (Social Psychology) from Washington University, in St. Louis (1973).

BILL JENKINS, PH.D., M.P.H.

Professor of Public Health Sciences
Director of Research Center on Health Disparities
Morehouse College

Dr. Bill Jenkins is a professor of Public Health Sciences at Morehouse College and Director of its Research Center on Health Disparities where he instructs medical, graduate, and undergraduate students in biostatistics, epidemiology, and public health at Morehouse School of Medicine and Morehouse College. Dr. Jenkins obtained his Bachelor's degree in Mathematics from Morehouse College, a Master's degree in Biostatistics from Georgetown University, and both an MPH and Doctor of Philosophy degree in Epidemiology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. His post-doctoral work was conducted at the Harvard University School of Public Health in Biostatistics.

While working at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, he served as Supervisory Epidemiologist in the National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHSTP) for two decades and managed its Minority Health Activities Program. He also managed the Participant Health Benefits Program, which assures medical services to the survivors of the Tuskegee Study of Untreated Syphilis in the Negro Male. Dr. Jenkins served as an expert on minority issues in disease transmission, as Chief of the Research and Evaluation Statistics Section in the Division of Sexually Transmitted Diseases Prevention, and as Manager of the National Minority Organizations HIV Prevention Program.



RENÉE JENKINS, M.D., F.A.A.P.

Professor, Department of Pediatrics and Child Health at Howard University
Adjunct Professor of Pediatrics at George Washington University

Renée R. Jenkins, M. D., F.A.A.P. has achieved distinction in the areas of adolescent health and meeting the needs of underserved children, both nationally and in her community. She is a professor and immediate past-chair of the Department of Pediatrics and Child Health at Howard University, and an adjunct professor of Pediatrics at George Washington University, both in Washington, DC. Dr. Jenkins graduated from Wayne State University School of Medicine and completed her residency at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Jacobi Hospital in New York City. After completing her fellowship in Adolescent Medicine at Montefiore Hospital, Dr. Jenkins started an adolescent medicine program at Howard University. She is currently the Principal Investigator at Howard for the DC-Baltimore Research Center on Child Health Disparities, in collaboration with Children's National Medical Center, Johns Hopkins University Pediatrics Department, Primary Care Division and the DC Health Department. Dr. Jenkins was the 2007-8 President of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Her research focuses on adolescent pregnancy prevention and child health disparities. Her publications and presentations range from adolescent health and sexuality to violence prevention and health issues of minority children.

FR. RYAN JIMENEZ

Father, Rector of Mount Carmel Cathedral, Diocese of Chalan Kanoa

Father Ryan P. Jimenez was ordained in June 8, 2003, in the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Currently assigned as the Rector of Mount Carmel Cathedral, he is also the personal secretary of Bishop Tomas A. Camacho. A member of the CNMI Diabetes Coalition, Father Ryan represents the diocese in the Wise Women Village Project in partnership with Department of Public Health.



SEAN JOE, PH.D., L.M.S.W.

Associate Professor of Social Work and Psychiatry

University of Michigan

Dr. Joe holds a joint position as Assistant Professor in the School of Social Work and the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Michigan's School of Medicine. He is also a Faculty Associate with the Program for Research on Black Americans at the Institute for Social Research at the University of Michigan. Dr. Joe is a recipient of an NIMH Career Development Award for a controlled examination of risk among African-American adolescents reporting to an Emergency Department for a suicide attempt. In 2008 he received the Early Career Achievement Award from the Society for Social Work and Research, and he currently directs an NIMH-funded study, examining the role of religion in suicidal behavior among Black Americans. He has published in the areas of racial disparities in suicide, black male self-directed violence, and firearm-related violence. Dr. Joe serves on the board of the Suicide Prevention Action Network (SPAN USA), the scientific advisory board of the National Organization of People of Color Against Suicide, and the editorial board of Advancing Suicide Prevention, a policy magazine. He is co-chair of the Emerging Scholars Interdisciplinary Network (ESIN) Research Study Group on African American Suicide, a national interdisciplinary group of researchers committed to advancing research in this area.

MICHAEL P. JOHNSON, M.D., M.P.H.

Deputy Director, Fogarty International Center

National Institutes of Health

Dr. Johnson is a board-certified internist and infectious disease specialist with experience in clinical trials, health promotion, and in the planning and delivery of health care to medically under-served populations both in the United States and in foreign countries. As the Deputy Director of the Fogarty International Center at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Dr. Johnson works with scientists across NIH and the academic community in the United States and overseas to develop, promote, and implement programs for the training and capacity-building of individuals and institutions in global health research.





RHONDA JOHNSON, M.D., M.P.H.
Medical Director, Health Equity & Quality
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Rhonda Moore Johnson, M.D., M.P.H., is the medical director for the newly created Health Equity & Quality area at Highmark. In this position, Dr. Johnson is responsible for the development, implementation and evaluation of health initiatives that promote health equity, reduce and eliminate health care disparities and enhance quality in clinical care and service for members, providers, employees and the community. Over the course of her career, Dr. Johnson has practiced pediatrics in federally qualified health centers, hospital ambulatory clinics and private practice settings in rural and inner-city areas of Georgia and Ohio, caring for medically vulnerable populations. Her health insurance industry experience has included Medicaid, SCHIP, Medicare and commercial health insurance industries. She serves on several national advisory committees and is the recipient of numerous awards. Dr. Johnson received her A. B. degree at Harvard University, her M.D. at Pennsylvania State University School of Medicine and M.P.H. at Ohio State University. She is certified in Health Care Quality Management by the American Board of Quality Assurance & Utilization Review Physicians, Inc. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics and a Fellow of the American Institute for Healthcare Quality.

HEIDI JOHNSTON, PH.D.
Social Scientist
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Heidi Bart Johnston is a social scientist at the International Centre for Diarrheal Disease Research, Bangladesh (ICDDR,B) Dhaka, Bangladesh (PhD in Population Dynamics, Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health, 1999). Her research focuses on social exclusion, social determinants of health, and reducing maternal morbidity and mortality from unsafe abortion. She has expertise in both qualitative and quantitative research methods and the application of these for program development and evaluation. Dr. Johnston is the Southeast Asia regional coordinator for the World Health Organization Commission on Social Determinants of Health Social Exclusion Knowledge Network. She is Adjunct Assistant Professor at the University of North Carolina School of Public Health, Department of Maternal and Child Health, USA.



CAMARA JONES, M.D., M.P.H., PH.D.

Research Director on Social Determinants of Health and Equity
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Camara Phyllis Jones, M.D., M.P.H., Ph.D. is Research Director on Social Determinants of Health and Equity in the Division of Adult and Community Health, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Dr. Jones is a family physician and epidemiologist whose work focuses on the impacts of racism on the health and well-being of the nation. As a methodologist, she has developed new methods for comparing full distributions of data (rather than means or proportions) in order to investigate population-level risk factors and propose population-level interventions. As a social epidemiologist, her work on “race”-associated differences in health outcomes goes beyond documenting those differences to vigorously investigating the structural causes of the differences. As a teacher, her allegories on “race” and racism illuminate topics that are otherwise difficult for many Americans to understand or discuss. She hopes through her work to initiate a national conversation on racism that will eventually lead to a National Campaign Against Racism. Dr. Jones was Assistant Professor at the Harvard School of Public Health in the Department of Health and Social Behavior, the Department of Epidemiology, and the Division of Public Health Practice from 1994 – 2000. She is currently Adjunct Associate Professor at both the Morehouse School of Medicine and the Rollins School of Public Health (Emory University).

LOVELL A. JONES, PH.D.

Professor and Director, Center for Research on Minority Health
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Dr. Lovell A. Jones is Professor in the Departments of Health Disparities Research and Biochemistry & Molecular Biology at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. In January 2000, Dr. Jones was named the first Director of the Congressionally Mandated Center for Research on Minority Health. Dr. Jones has trained over 100 students and/or fellows in his laboratory, ranging from high school to clinical fellows and published over 125 scientific articles ranging from hormonal carcinogenesis to health policy. As a scientist, Dr. Jones has done extensive research into the relationship between hormones, diet, endocrine responsive tumors and has applied these to his research in the area of health disparities. During his career he has received research support from NIH, Rockwell Foundation, the Walton Family Foundation, Kellogg Company, Kellogg Foundation, American Health Foundation, ACS, CDC, Centers for Medicaid & Medicare Services, Texas State Higher Education Coordinating Board, ExxonMobil Foundation and Houston Endowment, Inc. Since 1980, Dr. Jones has received over \$20,000,000 in direct cost research funding serving as either Principal Investigator (PI) or Co-PI. He is the Founding Chair of the Biennial Symposium Series on Minorities, the Medically Underserved and Cancer and the Founding Co-Chair of the Intercultural Cancer Council.



LYNN JORDE, PH.D.

H.A. and Edna Benning Presidential Professor
Faculty, University of Utah School of Medicine

Dr. Lynn Jorde has been on the faculty of the University of Utah School of Medicine since 1979 and holds an H.A. and Edna Benning Presidential Endowed Chair in the Department of Human Genetics. Dr. Jorde's laboratory is actively involved in studies of human genetic variation, the genetic basis of human limb malformations, and the genetics of common diseases such as hypertension.

Dr. Jorde is the lead author of *Medical Genetics*, a textbook that is now in its 3rd edition. He has received 12 teaching awards at the University of Utah School of Medicine, including the Leonard W. Jarcho Distinguished Teaching Award in 2003 and the University of Utah Distinguished Teaching Award in 2006. He is the co-recipient (with Dr. Louisa Stark and Dr. John Carey) of the 2008 Award for Excellence in Education from the American Society of Human Genetics.

Dr. Jorde completed a 4-year term as a member of the Mammalian Genetics review panel at the National Institutes of Health and a 3-year term on the Board of Directors of the American Society of Human Genetics. He is currently a member of the Center for Inherited Disease Research Access Committee and the Medical Sequencing Working Group at the National Human Genome Research Institute.

J. KEAWE'AIMOKU KAHOLOKULA, PH.D.

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J. Keawe'aimoku Kaholokula, Ph.D. is the Associate Chair for the Research and Evaluation Division of the Department of Native Hawaiian Health, John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM), University of Hawai'i at Manoa. He is also Co-Director of the newly formed Center for Native and Pacific Health Disparities Research in JABSOM. His research is in the area behavioral medicine, with a focus on the role of psychosocial and acculturation factors on the etiology, progression, and management of chronic diseases in Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders. His research also focuses on the development and testing of culturally-informed health promoting and maintenance interventions for Pacific Islanders, such as behavioral interventions for obesity and cardiovascular disease. Dr. Kaholokula has received research funding from the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NCMHD) and the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI). He has published over 24 journal articles and book chapters on Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander health as well as on behavioral assessment in applied and research settings.



MIRA KATZ, PH.D., M.P.H.

Associate Professor

College of Public Health and the Comprehensive Cancer Center
The Ohio State University

Dr. Mira Katz is an Associate Professor in the Division of Health Behavior and Health Promotion in the College of Public Health and is a member of the Comprehensive Cancer Center at The Ohio State University.

Dr. Katz's research focuses on communication issues associated with cancer prevention and control, with a concentration on improving the health of minority and underserved populations by informing and influencing decision making to improve an individual's health. Dr. Katz uses community-based participatory research strategies in most of her research.

Dr. Katz's research focuses on improving colon cancer screening rates among average risk adults. Her research has focused on distinct groups of underserved populations in Ohio: adults living in rural Ohio Appalachia and adults seeking care at a federally-funded neighborhood health center in Columbus, Ohio. A new area of interest is to develop interventions to improve colon cancer screening among cancer survivors.

RADM NEWTON E. KENDIG, M.D.Assistant Director of the Health Services Division
The Bureau of Prisons

RADM Newton E. Kendig was named the Assistant Director of the Health Services Division on August 10, 2006 by BOP Director Harley Lappin. Dr. Kendig is a 1984 graduate of Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He completed an internal medicine residency at the University of Rochester, Strong Memorial Hospital, in 1987, and subspecialty training in infectious diseases at Johns Hopkins University in 1991 where he subsequently accepted a faculty appointment. Dr. Kendig then served as Medical Director of the Maryland Department of Corrections and Public Safety for five years. A commissioned public health officer, he joined the BOP in 1996 as Chief of Infectious Diseases under Assistant Director, RADM Kenneth P. Moritsugu. In 1999, Director Kathleen Hawk Sawyer appointed Dr. Kendig as Medical Director of the BOP. He has served in this capacity with Assistant Directors Phillip Wise and Maryellen Thoms from 1999 to the present. RADM Kendig is the recipient of multiple USPHS awards including the meritorious, outstanding, and commendation medals. RADM Kendig serves as both the Medical Director and the Assistant Director for Health Services for the BOP. He remains a part time faculty member in infectious diseases with Johns Hopkins University.



DINEO KHABELE, M.D.

Assistant Professor, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Division of Gynecologic Oncology
Vanderbilt University

Dr. Dineo Khabele is Assistant Professor in Obstetrics and Gynecology and Director of Gynecologic Oncology Research in the Division of Gynecologic Oncology at Vanderbilt University. Dr. Khabele is board certified in both Obstetrics and Gynecology and Gynecologic Oncology. She attained her undergraduate and medical degrees from Columbia University. Dr. Khabele completed residency training in obstetrics and gynecology at The New York Presbyterian Hospital, Weill-Cornell University Medical Center, followed by a fellowship in gynecologic oncology at Albert Einstein College of Medicine and Montefiore Medical Center.

Dr. Khabele is a physician-scientist who provides clinical expertise to her research focus in ovarian cancer and other gynecologic malignancies. Her laboratory has two major areas of interest: 1) the role of histone deacetylases as targets for therapy in ovarian cancer and 2) the role of inflammatory genes such as cyclooxygenase-1 and nuclear factor kappa-B in the growth and progression of ovarian malignancies.

GARY KING, PH.D.

Professor, Department of Biobehavioral Health
Pennsylvania State University

Gary King, Ph.D. is a medical sociologist and professor in the Department of Biobehavioral Health of Pennsylvania State University. His primary interests include research on health disparities and smoking behavior of African Americans, tobacco consumption in France, South Africa and Tanzania, and conceptual and empirical uses of the race concept in health. Dr. King has published extensively on these topics in peer reviewed journals and was the senior editor of the 2005 National Cancer Institute's report on Eliminating Tobacco-Related Health Disparities and a contributing author to the 1998 Surgeon General's Report on Tobacco Use Among U.S. Racial/Ethnic Minority Groups. He has been principal investigator of NIH and private foundation grants related to his work.



LYNDEE KNOX, PH.D.

Director, LA Net

Dr. Lyndee Knox is the founding director of LA Net, a primary-care practice-based research network located in Los Angeles, California. LA Net conducts translational and applied research on sources and solutions to health disparities in partnership with low income communities and Community Health Centers. Dr. Knox is an elected member of the Federation of Practice-Based Research Networks steering committee and the National PBRN Resource Center. Dr. Knox is also co-director and co-principal investigator of the Southern California Center of Academic Excellence on Youth Violence Prevention (ACE), established in 2000 by the CDC following the Columbine school shootings. Dr. Knox holds her PhD in clinical psychology and evaluation research and served as faculty in the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Southern California before returning to the non-profit sector. She lives in Long Beach, California with her husband and two children, ages 6 and 1.

GLORIA KRAHN, PH.D., M.P.H.Director, Division of Human Development and Disability
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Gloria L. Krahn, Ph.D., M.P.H. was Professor of Pediatrics and Public Health and Preventive Medicine at Oregon Health & Science University where she directed the University Center of Excellence in Disabilities, and the Research and Training Center on Health and Wellness for Persons with Disabilities. In October, 2008 she joined the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as Director of the Division of Human Development and Disability. Her recent research activities have focused on assessing health in the context of disability, determining health disparities in persons with disabilities, and implementing intervention programs.





STEVENSON KUARTEI, M.D.

Director of Bureau of Public Health, Palau

Dr. Stevenson Kuartei graduated from the John A. Burns School of Medicine and did his internship and residency at the University of Irvine. He returned to Palau to assist in the development of the Republic of Palau's Primary Health Care Services. He now serves as the Director of the Bureau of Public Health within the Palau Minister of Health. He was elected to serve in the 2nd Palau Constitutional Convention where he introduced a Constitutional Amendment to be voted on this coming November which will make "preventative health a fundamental right of all Palauan citizens as prescribed by law".

RAFAEL A. LANTIGUA, M.D.

Associate Director, Division of General Medicine, Department of Medicine, and
Director, Associates in Internal Medicine
New York Presbyterian Hospital

Graduated from medical school in 1972. He trained in Internal Medicine and Endocrinology. Since January 1980, he has been at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University. He has move-up to the rank of the University to become Professor of Clinical Medicine. Since 1994 he is the Associate Director of the Division of General Medicine at the Department of Medicine, and the Director of the Associates in Internal Medicine group practice at the New York Presbyterian Hospital.

He has been actively involved in research on issues that affect the quality of life in minority population. During the last two decades, he has served as Co-investigator of NIH sponsored research to study Alzheimer's disease in Urban Minority Population. Since 1999 Dr. Lantigua has served as Deputy Director of the Taub Institute for Research on Alzheimer's Disease and the Aging Brain, Columbia University. He is the Co-director of the Community Engagement Resource of the Irving Institute for Clinical and Translational Research. He has published more than 50 articles in peer-reviewed journals. A frequent speaker on health topics affecting minorities, he is the found of Alianza Dominicana Inc, the major community based organization serving the Dominican community in the United States.



THOMAS LAVEIST, PH.D.

William & Nancy Richardson Professor in Health Policy
Director of the Hopkins Center for Health Disparities Solutions
The Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health

Thomas LaVeist, Ph.D. is the William C. and Nancy F. Richardson Professor in Health Policy, and Director of the Hopkins Center for Health Disparities Solutions at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. He teaches courses in health policy, minority health, cultural competency, and racial disparities in health. He is a frequent lecturer at other universities, and professional conferences, and consults often with federal agencies and healthcare organizations. He has over 65 articles published in leading scientific journals, and has published four books. Dr. LaVeist's research has been funded by the National Institutes of Health, the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, and numerous national foundations.

SANDRA LEE, PH.D.

Senior Research Scholar
Stanford Center for Biomedical Ethics

Sandra Soo-Jin Lee, Ph.D., is a medical anthropologist who studies race, ethnicity and culture in science, technology and biomedicine. Dr. Lee has conducted research on the social and ethical issues related to the DNA sampling of human populations and scientific practices in identifying group difference. Her current project entitled, Distributive Justice and Human Genetic Variation Research, investigates the emerging field of pharmacogenomics and its impact on the health status of historically racialized populations. Dr. Lee's awards include a Rockefeller Foundation Humanities Fellowship, National Institutes of Health National Research Service Award, and a National Human Genome Research Institute Career Development Award in Research Ethics. She is co-editor of Revisiting Race in a Genomic Age (Rutgers University Press; 2008) and is currently working on a book entitled, Race, Justice, and the New Genetic Sciences: Social Issues and Implications. Dr. Lee is a Senior Research Scholar at the Center for Biomedical Ethics at Stanford University Medical School and teaches in the Department of Anthropology and the Program in Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity at Stanford University.



RICHARD LICHTENSTEIN, PH.D., M.P.H.

Director, Summer Enrichment Program in Health Management and Policy
University of Michigan School of Public Health

Richard Lichtenstein, Ph.D., M.P.H., is an associate professor of Health Management and Policy and was formerly the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at the University of Michigan School of Public Health. He received both his M.P.H. and Ph.D. in medical care organization from the University of Michigan and a B.S. from Cornell University in industrial and labor relations. Dr. Lichtenstein has taught graduate courses on the U.S. Health Care System for over 30 years.

Since its inception in 1986, Dr. Lichtenstein has been the Director of the Summer Enrichment Program (SEP) in Health Administration at the School of Public Health. The SEP is a program to recruit undergraduate students interested in eliminating health disparities to the field of Public Health. Dr. Lichtenstein won the University of Michigan's Harold R. Johnson Diversity Service Award in 1998 and the School of Public Health's Gene Feingold Diversity Award in 2007, in recognition of his efforts to increase diversity in Public Health.

He is also the Co-Principal Investigator of the Detroit Community-Academic Urban Research Center (URC) in Detroit, a community-academic partnership that conducts Community Based Participatory Research on the social determinants of health and on methods of eliminating health disparities in Detroit.

MAUREEN LICHTVELD, M.D., M.P.H.

Professor and Chair, Department of Environmental Health Sciences
Tulane School of Public Health & Tropical Medicine

Maureen Lichtveld, M.D., M.P.H has a 27 year career in public health and currently is Professor and Chair of the Department of Environmental Health Sciences, Tulane School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine. Her research interests include environmentally-induced disease such as asthma and cancer; environmental health policy; community-based participatory research; disaster preparedness, and public health systems. She holds an endowed chair in environmental policy and was also appointed as Associate Director, Population Sciences of the Louisiana Cancer Research Consortium. In 2007, Dr. Lichtveld was awarded Woman of the Year by the City of New Orleans for her contributions to science and well being. As Tulane University's leading scientist in environmental health, she played a key role in addressing issues of science, policy and practice post Hurricane Katrina locally, regionally, and nationally. Dr. Lichtveld serves as an expert consultant to the Institute of Medicine for many years on contemporary public health issues ranging from environmental health, public health systems, and disaster preparedness. She has also provided congressional testimonies as expert witness on key issues of science and policy, most recently regarding the inclusion of public health systems preparedness research in the Pandemic and All Hazards Preparedness Act.



MARGUERITA LIGHTFOOT, PH.D.

Associate Professor, Co-Director
UCSF Center for AIDS Prevention Studies

Dr. Marguerita Lightfoot is an Associate Professor and Co-Director of the Center for AIDS Prevention Studies within the Department of Medicine at UCSF. Her research specialization is in the areas of adolescents, intervention, and prevention. She has been involved in research interventions that included the recruitment and implementation of a research protocol with ethnically diverse populations of low-income women and men from health care settings, youth living with HIV, and seriously mentally ill women and men. In addition, she has worked as a Mental Health Clinician at a mental health clinic that served primarily low-income people of color. She's conducted psychotherapy with predominately African American and Latino adults, couples, and families infected and/or affected by HIV. She is particularly interested in developing cost-effective interventions that are easily translatable with utility in community settings and utilizes new technologies to engage disenfranchised individuals in health promotion activities. Her work in HIV-prevention has included developing interventions for runaway/homeless youth, juvenile justice involved adolescents, and youth living with HIV, among others.

PENNY LO

Hmong Women's Heritage Association

Penny Lo, is Hmong American, born to parents who immigrated from Laos. She attended California State University, Sacramento where she received a B.S. in Health Science. She was a Health Advocate at Health Rights Hotline, an independent non-profit program that provides free assistance to health consumers. She provided counseling and advocacy for many people in obtaining quality health care before joining Hmong Women's Heritage Association, where she is currently the Program Coordinator for the Sacramento Asian American Network for Cancer Awareness, Research and Training (AAN-CART). Lo is currently developing community partnerships, designing activities, providing cancer education in oral presentations to various community members and mobilizing community members to implement cancer prevention and early detection activities. She is a strong believer in self-advocacy and is dedicated to assisting and educating the underserved population about health awareness, rights, and resources.



SUSAN LOEB, PH.D., R.N.

Assistant Professor, School of Nursing and Department of Medicine – Penn State College of Medicine, and Affiliate Faculty Gerontology Center

Dr. Loeb is an Assistant Professor in the School of Nursing at The Pennsylvania State University. She holds a Joint Appointment in the Department of Medicine, and is a Faculty Affiliate in the Gerontology Center. Her research focuses on incarcerated and community-living older adults coping with multiple chronic health conditions. She is currently funded by the National Institute on Aging (R03) for a two-phase (survey and focus group) study of the Factors Influencing the Health-Promotion Behaviors of Older Male Inmates. Her future research plans include a randomized controlled clinical trial testing the Stanford Chronic Disease Self-Management Program with female inmates preparing for release back to the community. Dr. Loeb has over 20 peer-reviewed papers published or in press. Recent awards include the 2006 Judith V. Braun Award for Advancing the Practice of Gerontological Nursing through Research from the National Gerontological Nursing Association for her research focused on health issues of older male inmates and the 2007 Springer Publishing Company Award in Geriatric/Gerontological Nursing for a Distinguished Single Work of Research in Applied Geriatric Nursing for her article titled “In their own words: Older male prisoners’ health beliefs and concerns for the future,” which was published in Geriatric Nursing.

STEVEN LÓPEZ, PH.D.

Professor of Psychology and Social Work
University of Southern California

Steven R. López is a professor of psychology and social work at the University of Southern California. His research provides a critical cultural perspective to the study of psychopathology, assessment, and intervention of Latinos and other ethnic minority groups. In one line of research, his research team has developed a heuristic model of cultural competence for mental health practice, which, with NIMH support, they are currently testing. In a second line of research, Professor López studies the relationship of family factors and the course of schizophrenia, particularly among Mexican American families. One of their aims is to identify what family members do to prevent relapse. In collaboration with Dr. Carmen Lara in Puebla, Mexico, Dr. Lopez has also developed a public education campaign to help Spanish speaking family members recognize the key signs of psychosis so that they will be able to seek services promptly. His research brings together both basic and applied research in an effort to reduce disparities in mental health care. He was one of the five science editors for the Surgeon General's Report on Mental Health: Culture, Race and Ethnicity.



MICHAEL C. LU, M.D., M.P.H.

Associate Professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology and Public Health
University of California, Los Angeles

Michael C. Lu, MD, MPH is an associate professor of obstetrics & gynecology and public health at UCLA. Dr. Lu received his bachelor's degrees from Stanford University, master's degrees from UC Berkeley, medical degree from UC San Francisco, and residency training in obstetrics & gynecology from UC Irvine. He is widely recognized for his research, teaching and clinical care. Dr. Lu received the 2003 National Maternal and Child Health Epidemiology Young Professional Achievement Award and the 2004 American Public Health Association Maternal and Child Health Section Young Professional Award for his research on health disparities. He recently served on the Institute of Medicine Committee (IOM) on Understanding Prematurity, and is currently serving on the IOM Committee to Reexamine IOM Weight Guidelines. He is a member of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Select Panel on Preconception Care, and a lead investigator for the National Children's Study in Los Angeles. Dr. Lu teaches obstetrics and gynecology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, and maternal and child health at the UCLA School of Public Health. He has received numerous awards for his teaching, including Excellence in Teaching Awards from the Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics. Dr. Lu sees patients at the faculty group practice in obstetrics and gynecology at UCLA Medical Center, and has been selected as one of the Best Doctors in America since 2005.

PATRICK S. LUCES

Chairman, Pacific Chronic Disease Coalition
Coordinator, Guam Diabetes Prevention and Control Program

Mr. Luces is the Coordinator of the Guam Diabetes Prevention and Control Program of the Department of Public Health & Social Services. He is also the Chairman of the Pacific Chronic Disease Coalition, a coalition of chronic disease directors and partners from American Samoa, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the Republic of Palau.



JOHN LUQUE, PH.D., M.P.H.

Postdoctoral Researcher
Moffitt Cancer Center

Dr. John (Juan) Luque is a medical anthropologist who currently works as a postdoctoral researcher in the Health Outcomes and Behavior Program at Moffitt Cancer Center. He has also recently held positions as an Adjunct Faculty member in the College of Public Health and the Department of Anthropology at the University of South Florida. His research interests include community-based participatory research and cancer disparities in minority and underserved communities. His research endeavors have included examining maternal health care seeking in the Ecuadorian Andes, occupational safety among Florida migrant citrus harvester, and knowledge of cancer screening and prevention in medically underserved populations. He directed a NCI-funded pilot project titled "Barbers Against Prostate Cancer," with the goal of evaluating the feasibility of the barbershop as a communication channel for disseminating prostate cancer information to African American men. He has recently expanded his research interests to examine the role of lay health adviser programs to address cervical cancer disparities among diverse Florida Hispanic populations. He has presented his research at numerous professional meetings and conferences both nationally and internationally and has authored several peer-reviewed articles.

GRACE X. MA, PH.D.

Professor of Public Health
Director of Center for Asian Health
Temple University

Grace X. Ma, Ph.D. is a tenured full Professor in the Department of Public Health, Founder and Director of Center for Asian Health at Temple University. Dr. Ma is also the President of Asian Community Cancer Coalition. As a behavioral health scientist, Dr. Ma's research focuses on community-based participatory cancer prevention and early detection, health disparities, patient navigation, smoking cessation, chronic illnesses, access and quality of healthcare in medically underserved, uninsured and high-risk Asian American populations. Over the past decades, Dr. Ma has been awarded and over 39 research projects from various sources, including National Institutes of Health (NIH), to conduct research in her expertise areas. Dr. Ma's research collaboration extends to the Southeast and Southwest regions of China. This international component of her research focuses on longitudinal studies of tobacco and cancer control in China. Dr. Ma has authored or co-authored 5 books and over 80 peer reviewed publications and delivered over 360 professional presentations at regional, national and international conferences. The impacts of these publications and presentations are reflected in public health academic teaching and mentorship, research and practices, as well as in Asian and minority health care policies and programs.



CAROL MANGIONE, M.D., M.S.P.H.

Professor of Medicine and Public Health, UCLA

Carol M. Mangione, M.D., M.S.P.H., is a Professor of Medicine and Public Health at UCLA and is a consultant in the RAND Health Program. Dr. Mangione is the Director of the NIA funded UCLA/Drew Resource Center for Minority Aging Research / Center for Health Improvement of Minority Elderly and is and Co-director of the UCLA Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program.

Dr. Mangione's research focuses on the care that older Latinos and African Americans with diabetes receive. She is one of the principal investigators for a project funded by the Centers for Disease Control and the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases to study the quality of care for persons with diabetes in managed care settings. Dr. Mangione has recently completed a community-based empowerment intervention funded by the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases among older Latinos and African Americans with diabetes to improve their self-care skills and has a long-standing interest in the relationship between visual disability, falls and functional decline among the elderly.

SPERO M. MANSON, PH.D.Professor of Psychiatry, heads the American Indian and Alaska Native Programs
University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center

Spero M. Manson, Ph.D., (Pembina Chippewa), a medical anthropologist and Professor of Psychiatry, heads the American Indian and Alaska Native Programs at the University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center. His programs include 9 national centers, totaling \$65 million in sponsored activities which entail research, program development, and training among 102 Native communities, spanning rural, reservation, urban, and village settings. Dr. Manson has published 160 articles on the assessment, epidemiology, treatment, and prevention of physical, alcohol, drug, as well as mental health problems in this special population. A member of the Institute of Medicine, he has received numerous awards including 3 Distinguished Service Awards from the IHS (1985; 1996; 2004), the prestigious Rema Lapouse Mental Health Epidemiology Award from the APHA (1998), 2 Distinguished Mentor Awards from the Gerontological Society of America (2006; 2007), the Herbert W. Nickens Award from the AAMC (2006), and the George Foster Award for Excellence from the Society for Medical Anthropology (2006).



TONY MARION, PH.D.

Professor, University of Tennessee Health Science Center

Dr. Marion is a native of Piedmont North Carolina with a B.S. in Chemistry from North Carolina State University at Raleigh; a M.S. in Microbiology from the Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Wake Forest University; and a Ph.D. in Immunology from the University of Alabama, Birmingham. His training in Immunology continued as a Postdoctoral Fellow in the laboratory of Dr. Charles A. Janeway, Jr., (deceased) Section on Immunobiology, Yale University Medical School. Dr. Marion joined the faculty of the Department of Microbiology and Immunology at The University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis as an Assistant Professor in 1987 and is now a Professor in the reorganized and renamed Department of Molecular Sciences at UTHSC. Dr. Marion's research has been focused primarily on the structure, function, and origins of autoimmune anti-DNA antibodies in the (NZB x NZW)F1 mouse models for lupus. More recently he has directed research effort to understand the basis for the racial disparity in response to combination therapy among chronically infected hepatitis C patients. He joined the effort to establish an NIH funded, Hepatitis C Cooperative Research Center at UTHSC in 2000 and in 2005 assumed the position as Director of the UTHSC Hepatitis C CRC.

CHARLES R. MARTINEZ, JR., PH.D.

Research Scientist

Oregon Social Learning Center

Dr. Charles R. Martinez, Jr. is a clinical psychologist and research scientist at the Oregon Social Learning Center in Eugene, Oregon and directs the OSLC Latino Research Team. He is the principal investigator on National Institutes of Health research projects designed to examine risk and protective factors involved in linking acculturation to behavioral health outcomes for Latino families and to develop and test culturally specific interventions for Latino families with youngsters at risk of behavioral health problems. His general substantive interest's center on identifying factors that promote healthy adjustment for families and children following stressful life events, (e.g. changes in family structure, socioeconomic status, physical and/or emotional health, acculturation, and immigration status), taking into consideration the cultural contexts in which families operate. Dr. Martinez has served on the Oregon Governor's Ethnic and Racial Task Force, the Governor's Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs, and is a publicly elected member of the Eugene, District 4J School Board. He currently serves as the Vice Provost for Institutional Equity and Diversity at the University of Oregon and teaches graduate courses in multiculturalism and diversity in his role as an Associate Professor in the College of Education. He has published many scientific papers related to basic and applied cross-cultural prevention research, minority health disparities, and Latino behavioral health. He is a nationally known consultant on organizational diversity issues, cross-cultural research, and community engagement. Dr. Martinez has received numerous national, state, and local awards for his work, including the '2003 Community, Culture, and Prevention Science Award' from the Society for Prevention Research.



MARÍA ELENA MARTÍNEZ, M.P.H., PH.D

University of Arizona

Dr. Martínez received a B.S. degree in Nutrition from the University of Illinois in Chicago. She holds a Masters degree in Public Health and a Ph.D. in Epidemiology from the University of Texas School of Public Health in Houston. After completing her doctoral studies, she accepted a post-doctoral fellowship at the Department of Nutrition at Harvard School of Public Health in Boston. Dr. Martínez' academic career at the University of Arizona began in 1996 when she accepted a faculty position working under the direction of Dr. David Alberts in the Arizona Cancer Center. She is currently Professor of Epidemiology at the Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health and holds the Richard H. Hollen Professor of Cancer Prevention from the American Cancer Society. Dr. Martinez was recently appointed as Associate Director for Cancer Health Disparities at the Arizona Cancer Center. Her long-term research interests are in improving the understanding of the occurrence of cancer and the factors that cause this disease. More recently, her research has focused in the understanding of breast cancer in Hispanic/Latina women through the conduct of a US-Mexico binational study of breast cancer.

ROSE MARIE MARTINEZ, SC.D.

Director, Board on Population Health, Institute of Medicine

Rose Marie Martinez, Sc.D. is the Director of the Institute of Medicine's (IOM) Board on Population Health and Public Health Practice (1999-). The Board has a vibrant portfolio of studies that address high profile and cutting edge issues that affect the public's health. The Board addresses the science base for public health interventions and examines the capacity of the health system to support disease prevention and health promotion activities. The Board has examined such topics as health disparities, health literacy, the safety of childhood vaccines, the revival of civilian immunization against smallpox, health effect of environmental exposures, the capacity of governmental public health departments to respond to health crises; the soundness and ethical conduct of clinical trials to reduce maternal to child transmission of HIV/AIDS, among others.

Prior to joining the IOM, Dr. Martinez was a Senior Health Researcher at Mathematica Policy Research (1995-1999) where she conducted research on the impact of health system change on the public health infrastructure, access to care for vulnerable populations, managed care, and the health care workforce.

Dr. Martinez is a former Assistant Director for Health Financing and Policy with the U.S. General Accounting Office where she directed evaluations and policy analysis in the area of national and public health issues (1988-1995). Her experience also includes six years directing research studies for the Regional Health Ministry of Madrid, Spain (1982-1988).



MARJORIE MAU, M.D., M.S.

Department of Native Hawaiian Health, John A. Burns School of Medicine
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Dr. Mau, a Native Hawaiian (NH) has served as the Chair of the Department of Native Hawaiian Health (DNHH) since 2002. The DNHH is the first-of-its-kind in an accredited medical school which is dedicated to indigenous health. Since joining John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM) in 1992, Dr. Mau has dedicated much of her career to clinical research, patient care services and teaching with a specific focus in serving Native Hawaiian communities and their families. She is Board-certified in both Internal Medicine and Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism and is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians. Dr. Mau also has a personal commitment to public health and holds a Masters of Science degree in Epidemiology from the Harvard School of Public Health. She currently serves as a member of the NIH Director's Council of Public Representatives (COPR) and the Council of Councils. She is currently Co-Director of the NCMD-funded Center for Native and Pacific Health Disparities Research ("The Center"), which has a specific focus on Cardiometabolic Disparities in Native Hawaiians, Alaska Natives and Other Pacific Island Peoples. When not at work, Dr. Mau enjoys being part of the Hokule'a voyaging canoe 'ohana and was honored to have been part of the journey to Micronesia in March 2007. Today, Dr. Mau remains a strong advocate for native health issues and the elimination of health disparities especially among Native and Pacific Island Peoples.

VICKIE M. MAYS, PH.D., M.S.P.H.

Professor of Psychology and Health Services, UCLA

Vickie M. Mays, Ph.D., MSPH, is Professor of Psychology and Health Services at UCLA. She is the Director of the NCMHD funded Center on Research, Education, Training and Strategic Communication on Minority Health Disparities. She has a long history of NIH and private foundation funding for research on identification of contextual risk and risk reduction factors in HIV prevention in women and African American MSM's. Her research in health disparities on the role of discrimination in negative physical and mental health outcomes has garnered a number of awards. She is past Chair, Subcommittee on Populations of the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics which is advisory to the Secretary of HHS as well as Chair for four years of the Minority Affairs Committee of the American College of Epidemiology. She is a recipient of numerous awards including the American Psychological Association's Distinguished Contributions for Public Policy Research, American Foundation for AIDS Research Lifetime Award for her work on women and HIV and the Western Psychological Association's First Social Responsibility Award for her post Katrina work in mental health disaster response in training mental health providers, faith based leaders and preparing those who work with children in New Orleans.



SAM MBULAITEYE, M.D., MPHIL

Dr. Mbulaiteye received his M.D. from Makerere University, Kampala, in 1990, an MPhil in Epidemiology and Biostatistics from Cambridge University in 1994 and a Masters in Internal Medicine from Makerere University in 1996. He worked as a Senior Registrar at the Uganda Cancer Institute and a Project Medical Officer in the Medical Research Council Programme for AIDS in Uganda before joining NCI as a Research Fellow in 2000. He became a tenure-track investigator in 2005. He is a member of the Uganda National Academy of Sciences, the African Organization for Research and Training in Cancer (AORTIC), Darwin College Society, and Cambridge Common Wealth Trust. Currently, he serves on the DCEG Technical Evaluation of Questionnaires, NIH Tenure-Track Investigators Committee, and is an adjunct lecturer at George Washington University School of Public Health. He is a recipient of the NCI Directors Investigator Innovation Award (2008) and the NIH Award of Merit (2008). Research interests are centered on understanding viral and immunological co-factors for human-herpesvirus-associated malignancy, namely Burkitt lymphoma, which is associated with Epstein-Barr virus (EBV) and Kaposi sarcoma, which is associated with human herpesvirus 8 (HHV-8), using epidemiologic study methods.

JESSIE MBWAMBO, M.D.

Muhimbili University Teaching Hospital, Tanzania

Dr Jessie Mbwambo is a psychiatrist with the Muhimbili University Teaching Hospital and senior researcher with Muhimbili University College of Health and Allied Sciences. She has been working in the area of HIV and AIDS for the last fifteen years. During this time she has been program leader of Muhimbili Health information centre, a free standing HIV Counseling and Testing facility if the grounds of Muhimbili National Hospital. She researches in the area of HIV Counseling and Testing and is currently principal investigator of an NIMH funded research entitled Project ACCEPT one of the largest multisite, multi-country study on Community based VCT offering VCT for hard to reach populations in rural Kisarawe, community mobilization and post test support services. The research project is its 6th year of operations and uses standard operation procedures for each component of the intervention. Dr Mbwambo has been a mentor for students from both the north and southern universities in the areas of HIV related stigma, Violence Against women, the intersections between HIV and Violence, Drug use among young people and in the area of interventions that work to prevent violence against women –working with young men.



CATHY MEADE, PH.D., R.N. F.A.A.N.

Principal Investigator
Tampa Bay Community Cancer Network
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Cathy D. Meade's research and education interests center on creating sustained community-based programs, producing culturally, linguistically, and literacy appropriate cancer communications, and developing cancer training programs to increase the number of underrepresented scientists. She was part of the IOM's Health Literacy Committee that produced the Health Literacy: A Prescription to End Confusion.

Dr. Meade provides leadership for numerous funded education and training initiatives including the national biennial Cancer, Culture and Literacy conferences. Several currently funded projects exemplify her community-based work that take into account culture, language and literacy for impacting health disparities. She is PI of the Tampa Bay Community Cancer Network that addresses critical access, prevention and control issues among medically underserved populations, and is co-principal investigator on a study to evaluate the role of patient navigators for promoting early diagnosis and timely delivery of cancer care. Other studies that typify her interests in communications are: Project REACH (Relevant Education And Communications for Hispanics (creation of a Spanish-language questionnaire to assess cancer information needs among Puerto Ricans in Tampa, FL and San Juan, PR), and Stress Management Tool Kit for Latinas Coping with Chemotherapy (development of a Spanish-language toolkit for teaching stress management techniques).

MARTHA A. MEDRANO, M.D., M.P.H.

Professor of the Department of Psychiatry
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Dr. Martha A. Medrano is Professor of the Department of Psychiatry, Pediatrics, Family and Community Medicine and Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (UTHSCSA), and Associate Dean of Continuing Medical Education (CME).

Dr Medrano has been instrumental in bringing the National Center of Excellence in Women's Health to our Health Science Center served as the Co-Director for the Center and Professional Development. She also served as a founding member of the Minority Women Panel of Experts for the National Office on Women's Health and currently serves on the Aetna Racial & Ethnic Equality External Advisory Committee.

She is also the principal investigator of the U.S. Mexico Border Center of Excellence Consortium that is developing a strategic plan for increasing the health workforce within the four states bordering the United States and Mexico (Arizona, California, New Mexico, and Texas).



DONNA MILDVAN, M.D.

Chief Division of Infectious Diseases,
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Donna Mildvan, M.D., is chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases, director of AIDS Research and principal investigator of the AIDS Clinical Trials Unit at Beth Israel Medical Center, New York, and is Professor of Medicine at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, NY. Dr. Mildvan graduated from Bryn Mawr College and received her medical degree from John Hopkins University School of Medicine. She completed a residency in Internal Medicine and a fellowship in Infectious Diseases at Mount Sinai Medical Center, New York, NY. She is board-certified in Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases. Her research interests and clinical expertise include HIV/AIDS clinical trials, biomarkers of disease progression and drug efficacy, and improving health disparities in HIV/AIDS clinical trials.

Dr. Mildvan is an elected fellow of the Infectious Diseases Society of America and of the American College of Physicians. She has served on numerous national committees and panels, including the AIDS Charter Research Review Committee for the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), and as a consultant to the Centers for Disease Control and Food and Drug Administration. Dr. Mildvan has authored/co-authored over 300 articles and presentations on AIDS and infectious diseases.

HERMAN MITCHELL, PH.D.

Vice President and Senior Research Scientist
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Herman E. Mitchell, Ph.D., is an Epidemiologist-Biostatistician, Vice President and Senior Research Scientist at Rho, Inc and Adjunct Professor of Biostatistics at the University of North Carolina, School of Public Health. He has more than 25 years of NIH multi-center coordinating experience, and for the past 18 years has been involved in clinical research related to asthma among inner-city children. He has served on the faculty for the Departments of Epidemiology and Biostatistics as well as being Assistant Dean for the University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Public Health. He also served as Assistant to the Secretary of Health for the State of Pennsylvania. Dr. Mitchell has served as P.I. or Co-P.I. for more than a dozen NIH sponsored clinical trials and epidemiologic studies. Starting in 1990, Dr. Mitchell has served as the Principal Investigator of the Coordinating Center for three major NIH-NIAID funded multi-center studies of asthma among children in the inner city including the National Cooperative Inner City Asthma Study (NCICAS), the Inner City Asthma Study (ICAS) and the current Inner City Asthma Consortium. Dr. Mitchell also serves as Coordinating Center PI of the NIEHS study of the environmental impact of Katrina on children with asthma in New Orleans (HEAL).



GERALD MOHATT, M.S., ED.D.

Professor of Psychology

University of Alaska, Fairbanks

Gerald Mohatt has worked with American Indian, Canadian First Nations, and Alaska Natives since 1968. He was founding president of the tribal college, Sinte Gleska University. In 1983 he and his family moved to Alaska where he has been since. He is Professor of Psychology and Director of the Center for Alaska Native Health Research at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. He received his A.B and M.S. at St. Louis University and his doctorate at Harvard University. Throughout his career he has focused on building new settings in rural areas to increase opportunity for rural indigenous groups and research to increase our knowledge base to design better methods of prevention and treatment. His current work is to establish a permanent center to do interdisciplinary research on health disparities of Alaska Natives with a focus on understanding protection and risk for obesity, diabetes and heart disease as well as behavioral health problems such as substance abuse and suicide. His research and writing has been in the area of resilience and substance abuse, cross-cultural healing, the ethics of research with indigenous groups, and reform of schooling to increase success for Alaska Native and American Indian children. He is most interested at this time in translating research into treatment and prevention approaches that are effective for rural Alaska Native and American Indian groups.

ROLAND S. MOORE, PH.D.

Research Anthropologist

Pacific Institute of Research and Evaluation's Prevention Research Center

Dr. Roland S. Moore is a Senior Research Scientist at the Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation's Prevention Research Center in Berkeley, California. He is an applied anthropologist interested in environmental prevention of alcohol and tobacco use problems among young people. He currently serves as principal investigator on a project co-funded by NIAAA and NCMHD to build the capacity of nine Southern California tribes to reduce the prevalence of underage drinking. Collaboration with epidemiologists and social psychologists as well as community members has enabled him to conduct research using mixed qualitative and quantitative methods. Dr. Moore's research sites have included a Greek village, Native American reservations in the Southwest, California bars, small Alaska communities, a heavy machinery plant and U.S. military bases. He completed his doctorate in cultural anthropology at the University of California, Berkeley in 1992. Recent publications include "Tobacco Free Workplace Policies and Low Socioeconomic Status Female Bartenders in San Francisco," and "Physical and Social Availability of Alcohol for Young Enlisted Naval Personnel in and around Home Port."



NEO MOROJELE, PH.D.

Deputy Director of the Alcohol & Drug Abuse Research Unit
South African Medical Research Council, Pretoria, South Africa

Dr. Neo Morojele is the deputy director of the Alcohol & Drug Abuse Research Unit, South African Medical Research Council, Pretoria, South Africa. Dr. Morojele is a psychologist with experience in conducting substance abuse research in treatment, school, bar and community settings. She is currently involved in studies on adolescent substance use and foetal alcohol syndrome, and has a special interest in studying the links between alcohol and other drug use and HIV-related sexual risk behaviour among young people and adults. Dr. Morojele received her first degree in Psychology at the University of Zimbabwe and then completed her postgraduate studies in the United Kingdom (University of London and University of Kent at Canterbury). She is a member of the International Advisory Board of the Journal of Substance Use (formerly the Journal of Substance Misuse: An International Journal for Nursing and Social Care) and an Associate Editor of the African Journal of Drug and Alcohol Studies.

ERNEST MOY, M.D., M.P.H.

Medical Officer
Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Ernest Moy, M.D., M.P.H. is a Medical Officer in the Center for Quality Improvement and Patient Safety at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). At AHRQ, his work has included directing the development of the annual National Healthcare Disparities Report and National Healthcare Quality Report and supporting AHRQ's Excellence Centers for the Elimination of Ethnic/Racial Disparities and AHRQ's Patient Safety Organization program. Prior to joining AHRQ, he was Director of Research and Assistant Vice President of the Center for the Assessment and Management of Change in Academic Medicine at the Association of American Medical Colleges where he conducted research on the missions of academic medical centers and developed benchmarking tools to help these institutions improve performance.

Ernest's research interests include disparities in access and quality of care, particularly as they relate to academic medical centers, patient safety, and technology diffusion. He is chair of the Racial and Ethnic Disparities Committee of the American Public Health Association's Medical Care Section and on the editorial board of Medical Care Research and Review.



LINDA RAE MURRAY, M.D. M.P.H.

Chief Medical Officer

Cook County Department of Public Health

Dr. Murray has spent her career serving the medically under served. She has worked in a variety of settings including practicing Occupational Medicine at a Workers Clinic in Canada, Residency Director for Occupational Medicine at Meharry Medical College, Bureau Chief for the Chicago Department of Health under Mayor Harold Washington. More recently Dr. Murray served as Medical Director of the federally funded health center, Winfield Moody, serving Cabrini Green Public Housing Project in Chicago. Dr. Murray has been an active member of a wide range of local and national organizations including serving as a member of the Board of Scientific Counselors for the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), and the Board of Scientific Counselors for the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH).

Today she serves as the Chief Medical officer for the Cook County Department of Public Health of the Cook County Bureau of Health Services, the state certified public health agency for suburban Cook County. She practices as a general internist at Woodlawn Health Center and is an attending physician in the Division of Occupational and Environmental Medicine at Cook County Hospital. She plays a leadership role in many organizations including serving on the Board of Trinity Health (a large Catholic Hospital System) , the national executive board of American Public Health Association and serves on the board of the Chicago based Health and Medicine Policy Research Group . She has been a voice for social justice and health care as a basic human right for over forty years.

QUYEN NGO-METZGER, M.D., M.P.H.

Assistant Professor, University of California Irvine School of Medicine.

Associate Research Fellow, Center for Health Policy Research, Irvine, CA

Adjunct Natural Scientist, RAND Health, Santa Monica, CA

Dr. Ngo-Metzger has extensive clinical and research experience among vulnerable populations, including racial/ethnic minorities and those with language barriers. She founded the first community health center in Chicago to serve Southeast Asian patients who experienced significant language and cultural barriers to quality medical care. Her research interests include diabetes care and patient-provider communication. While on faculty at Harvard Medical School, she conducted one of the largest studies of quality of care of Asian Americans. She has funding from the National Institutes of Health and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to examine health disparities among Latino and Asian patients with diabetes. Dr. Ngo-Metzger's other research interests include chronic disease and end-of-life care. She has received funding from the National Institute on Aging and the National Cancer Institute to examine aging and end-of-life. She has been awarded a Cancer Control Career Development Award from the American Cancer Society and was a Robert Wood Johnson Generalist Physician Faculty Scholar. Dr. Ngo-Metger received her medical degree and residency training at the University of Chicago. She completed her MPH degree and research fellowship in General Internal Medicine at Harvard Medical School.



TUNG NGUYEN, M.D.

Associate Clinical Professor, UCSF

Tung Nguyen, M.D. is an Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine at UCSF, where he provides care to a large number of Asian Americans. A first-generation Vietnamese American, Dr. Nguyen's research, funded by the ACS, NIH, and the State of California, focuses on addressing health disparities among minority populations through community involvement. Dr. Nguyen is the Deputy PI of the Asian American Network for Cancer Awareness, Research, and Training, a network funded by the NCI/CRCHD to address cancer disparities through research, community involvement, and capacity building. He is a Co-Director of the Vietnamese Community Health Promotion Project, a community-academic research organization working in Asian communities since 1986. His Asian American research includes studies of research participation barriers, physician practices in hepatitis B screening, human papillomavirus and cervical cancer among Vietnamese Americans, tobacco use among Asian American adolescents and adults, interventions to promote breast and cervical cancer screening among Vietnamese American women, and interventions to promote colorectal cancer screening among Vietnamese and Chinese Americans. He currently leads a study of hepatitis B screening among Vietnamese Americans as part of a program project funded by the NCI and NCMHD and is a Co-PI of an NCI/CRCHD funded MI/CC Partnership between UCSF and SFSU.

KEITH C. NORRIS, M.D.Executive Vice President for Research and Health Affairs
Charles Drew University of Medicine and Science

Keith C. Norris, M.D., Professor of Medicine and Executive Vice President for Research & Health Affairs at Charles Drew University of Medicine and Science in Los Angeles, California. Dr. Norris received his medical degree and completed his training in internal medicine at Howard University in Washington, DC. He completed his nephrology fellowship at UCLA. He is board-certified in internal medicine and nephrology, and an American Society of Hypertension certified clinical hypertension specialist.

His research interests include the impact and outcomes of chronic kidney disease (CKD) in African American and Latino populations, particularly the role of vitamin D and blood pressure. Dr. Norris is a member of several NIH Study Sections, and the NKF Kidney Early Evaluation Program Steering Committee. He has co-authored more than 150 journal articles and textbook chapters, and is editor-in-chief of the journal *Ethnicity & Disease*. He was elected into the Alpha Omega Alpha, Medical Honor Society in 1980 and the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame (Science) in 2003.

He is the principal investigator for the NIH funded Excellence in Partnerships for Community Outreach, Research on Health Disparities and Training Center (Project EXPORT) and the NCRR/NCMHD funded Research Centers in Minority Institutions Translational Research Network.



VANESSA NORTHINGTON GAMBLE, M.D., PH.D.

University Professor of Medical Humanities
The George Washington University

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Dr. Partridge has been or is PI or Co-PI on multiple NCI-funded grants and contracts, including the ALTS trial (NCI) investigating the most effective clinical approach to the care of women with Pap smears showing low-grade squamous intraepithelial lesions or atypical squamous cells of undetermined significance; the WISH study (NCI) evaluating the impact of smoking cessation on the regression/progression of cervical intraepithelial neoplasia and HPV status; the PLCO trial (NCI) investigating screening methodologies for multiple cancers with special emphasis on minority populations; the CRIS study (NCI) investigating the impact of lay health advisors on recruitment of minority women into clinical trials and the UAB SPORE in Ovarian Cancer. In addition, he is PI of the Deep South Network for Cancer control (NCI) which utilized Community Health Advisors to improve the cancer health status of African-American population in the rural South and the Morehouse School of Medicine/Tuskegee University/UAB Cancer Center Partnerships to enhance the research of the minority-serving institutions.

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Jennie Popay is Professor of Sociology and Public Health, Institute for Health Research, University of Lancaster in the United Kingdom. She spent 5 years working in East Africa and New Zealand before returning to the UK in the 1970's. She has worked as a sociologist in social policy and public health in academia, the voluntary sector and the NHS. Her research interests include the social determinants of health and health equity, the sociology of knowledge with a particular focus on lay knowledge, the evaluation of complex social interventions, community engagement/empowerment and methods for the synthesis of diverse evidence and knowledge exchange. She has published extensively in these fields. She was founding convenor of the Cochrane Qualitative Research Methods Group and the Campbell Process Implementation Methods Group and has conducted several mix methods evidence reviews including a systematic review of evidence on community engagement in health development for the National Institute for Public Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) in England. She has also developed innovative methods for the review and synthesis of diverse evidence. She has been working with the WHO Commission on the Social Determinants of Health co-ordinating a global knowledge network reviewing evidence on action to promote health equity by addressing social exclusion. She is a member of the UK Medical Research Council's Research Methodology Panel, the NICE Research Advisory Group and a Governor of the BUPA Medical Research Foundation. She has held public appointments as a commissioner with the Commission for Health Improvement, Vice Chair of the Commission for Patient and Public Involvement in Health, Chair of the Salford Early Years Partnership and a Non-Executive Board Member of the Mancunian NHS Community Health Trust.

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He is also the President of the Urban Resource Institute, a non-profit organization that was established to provide supportive social and medical services to critical populations within New York City. Among them are multi-service shelters for battered women and their children, intermediate care facilities and other services for mentally challenged individuals, and out-patient alcoholic treatment services.

In recognition of his world renowned authority on the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), addiction and AIDS, Dr. Primm was appointed to the Presidential Commission of the Human Immunodeficiency Virus Epidemic in 1987.



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Previously, Michelle conducted research at the Center for Health Services Research and Policy at The George Washington University. While at the Center, her research focus included Medicaid, the State Children's Health Insurance Program, maternal and child health, women's health, and safety-net issues.

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ANGELA G. REYES, M.P.H

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Angela G. Reyes, M.P.H., is the founder and Executive Director of the Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation, a non-profit community-based organization, which she started in 1997 from her living room. Ms. Reyes is a founding board member of the Detroit Community-Academic Urban Research Center, which was established in 1995 and involves multiple funded research and intervention projects aimed at increasing knowledge and addressing factors associated with health disparities of residents in Detroit, Michigan. Ms. Reyes is actively involved in several of these community based participatory research (CBPR) projects examining and addressing, for example, the social and physical environmental determinants of cardiovascular disease, the environmental triggers of childhood asthma, and capacity building for policy change.

Her organization, the Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation, has developed a nationally recognized model of integrated services focused on youth and their families that include gang prevention and intervention, drop-out prevention, training in entrepreneurial skills and multi-media arts; support services for individuals transitioning out of prison such as case management, job readiness and placement, and tattoo removal; substance abuse and family counseling; HIV counseling and testing; Adult Education classes and training in technology.



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Scott D. Rhodes, Ph.D., M.P.H., C.H.E.S., is a behavioral scientist, whose research focuses on the integration of community development and health promotion and disease prevention interventions in both rural and urban communities. Specifically, his research explores infectious disease prevention, and health disparities among vulnerable communities. Dr. Rhodes has extensive experience working with Latino communities; urban African American adolescents; persons living with HIV and AIDS; men of color; self-identifying gay and bisexual men; and men who have sex with men (MSM). Dr. Rhodes is committed to partnering with community members and community-based organizations to blend research and practice.

Dr. Rhodes has extensive experience in: quantitative and qualitative data collection and analysis techniques; the design, implementation and evaluation of interventions for behavior change, community capacity development, and environmental and policy change; community-based participatory research (CBPR); the application of behavioral theory; photovoice as a methodology of participatory action research (PAR); lay health advisor approaches; the exploration of sociocultural determinants of health; and internet research, including data collection, intervention delivery, and evaluation.

Currently Dr. Rhodes serves as principal investigator (PI) on 8 research projects that are funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), The Pfizer Foundation, and amfAR: The Foundation for AIDS Research. He also serves as a co-investigator on 2 federally funded grants.

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For the past ten years, Dr. Rivers has been immersed in cancer control and prevention research, with a focus on prostate cancer disparities. His previous and current research endeavors have entailed examination of the behavioral aspects of individuals undergoing prostate cancer screening and/or treatment. This approach encompassed examining the influence of social factors, such as interpersonal, community, institutional, and policy factors, on individual behavior.



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Dr. Royster completed his undergraduate training at the University of Virginia with a degree in Biology. He obtained his medical degree from Duke University School of Medicine and completed a residency in Public Health and General Preventive Medicine at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Immediately following his residency, he worked as an environmental epidemiologist with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

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Dr. Rust has spent the past 17 years teaching, doctoring, and researching at the Morehouse School of Medicine, while building training programs and research partnerships with networks of community and migrant health centers. He was founding director of the Morehouse Faculty Development program. He serves as co-chair of Georgia's Minority Health Advisory Council, where he led development of the Georgia Health Disparities Report in 2008.

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Dr. Scarinci is currently an Associate Professor at the University of Alabama at Birmingham's Division of Preventive Medicine, and Associated Scientist at UAB's Comprehensive Cancer Center, Center for Outcomes and Effectiveness Research and Education, Center for Aging and the Minority Health and Research Center (where she also serves as co-leader of the Community Outreach Core, Training Core, and Hispanic/Latino Health Working Group).

She is a Clinical Psychologist with extensive research and clinical experience working with under-served populations. Her primary area of interest is cancer prevention among low-income, minority and immigrant populations (particularly Latinos and African Americans). Dr. Scarinci is particularly interested in the development of community-based programs that are theoretically based and culturally relevant to these populations. The focus of her work is on the application of behavioral science to public health by promoting behavior change at the population level.



DEAN SCHILLINGER, M.D.

UCSF Professor of Medicine

Director UCSF Center for Vulnerable Populations

Chief, California Diabetes Program

Dean Schillinger, M.D. is UCSF Professor of Medicine and a primary care physician at San Francisco General Hospital (SFGH). He is Director of the UCSF Center for Vulnerable Populations, a new research center committed to transforming clinical and public health practice by improving health communication, and is a key member of a UCSF-wide NIH funded Translational Research Institute.

Dr. Schillinger serves as Chief of the Diabetes Prevention and Control Program for California. He previously directed the ambulatory care clinics at SFGH. He has focused his research on health communication for vulnerable populations, carrying out a number of studies exploring the impact of limited health literacy on the care of patients with diabetes and heart disease. He has been awarded grants from NIH, AHRQ, and foundations to develop and evaluate care management programs tailored to the literacy and language needs of patients with chronic disease. Dr. Schillinger contributed to the 2004 IOM Report on Health Literacy. He was honored with the 2003 Institute for Healthcare Advancement Research Award and the 2008 Research Award in Safety and Quality from the National Patient Safety Foundation. He recently returned from a semester as Visiting Scholar at the University of Chile School of Public Health.

NANCY SCHOENBERG, PH.D.

Marion Pearsall Professor of Behavioral Science

University of Kentucky

Nancy E. Schoenberg is Marion Pearsall Professor in the Department of Behavioral Science in the College of Medicine at the University of Kentucky and is a medical anthropologist and gerontologist. Dr. Schoenberg's research focuses on improving health outcomes among underserved populations, namely older adults, African Americans, and rural residents. Her current projects use CBPR and mixed method designs to reduce the burdens of cancer, diabetes, and other chronic conditions among Appalachian residents through various approaches, including faith-placed, social network interventions; lay health advisor approaches; and provider practice interventions. Currently, Dr. Schoenberg serves as PI on: An Appalachian Cervical Cancer Prevention Project (R01 CA108696); An Intergenerational CBPR Intervention to Reduce Appalachian Health Disparities (R01 DK081324); Increasing Colorectal Cancer Screening for Patients with Multiple Morbidities (R21 CA129881); and Faith Moves Mountains: An Appalachian Wellness & Cancer Prevention Program (R24 MD002757). Additionally, Dr. Schoenberg regularly serves as a grant proposal reviewer for the National Institutes of Health, is Associate Editor of The Gerontologist, and serves as a President's Professor at the University of Alaska. Dr. Schoenberg also teaches several graduate seminars and mentors graduate and medical students.



REAR ADMIRAL ANNE SCHUCHAT, M.D.

National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Dr. Schuchat (pronounced shook-it) is an epidemiologist and internist who joined CDC in 1988 as an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer. She made significant contributions to infectious disease prevention through research, surveillance, and policy, developing guidelines and disease monitoring systems, conducting pre- and post-licensure vaccine evaluations, and collaborating with partners to accelerate the availability of vaccines and prevention programs. She has worked in West Africa on meningitis and pneumonia vaccine studies, in South Africa on surveillance and prevention projects, and in China on SARS emergency response. Dr. Schuchat graduated with highest honors from Swarthmore College and with honors from Dartmouth Medical School. She completed residency training at New York University's Manhattan VA Hospital. She has co-authored more than 180 scientific articles and reports, and received numerous awards including the Public Health Service's Meritorious Service Medal for preventing group B streptococcal infections in newborns. Since December 2005, Dr. Schuchat has led the CDC's immunization and respiratory infections programs. In 2006, she was promoted to the rank of Assistant Surgeon General within the US Public Health Service and in 2008, elected to the Institute of Medicine.

AMY SCHULZ, PH.D.

Associate Professor
University of Michigan School of Public Health

Dr. Schulz, Ph.D., M.P.H. is Associate Professor, Department of Health Behavior and Health Education, University of Michigan School of Public Health. Her research focuses on social determinants of health in urban communities, with a particular focus on social and physical environments as they mediate relationships between race, ethnicity, socioeconomic position and health outcomes. She has over fifteen years experience conducting etiologic and intervention research, and has authored or co-authored more than fifty journal articles and book chapters on social determinants of health, health inequalities, and the development, implementation, and evaluation of community based participatory research (CBPR) partnerships to address health inequalities. Dr. Schulz currently directs two CBPR intervention research initiatives addressing the built environment and physical activity: the NIEHS funded Lean & Green in Motown initiative, and the NCMHD funded Community Approaches to Heart Health. She is Associate Director of the Center for Research on Ethnicity, Culture and Health, and Co-Directs the NIH funded Promoting Ethnic Diversity in Public Health. Dr. Schulz's work appears in a wide range of journals, including Social Problems, The Journal of Health and Social Behavior, Social Science and Medicine, Health Education & Behavior, American Journal of Public Health, The Annual Review of Public Health, and Health Education Research.



BRENDA SEALS, PH.D., M.P.H.

Executive Director

Native American Cancer Research

Brenda Seals, Ph.D., M.P.H., M.A., Eastern Band Cherokee, Executive Director and Research Associate, Native American Cancer Research, has over 28 years experience in public health conducting original research and program evaluation. Her original training from the University of Iowa was in Mental Health and Statistics where she specialized in measurement of program outcomes. Dr. Seals' graduate study in social epidemiology at Emory University School of Public Health looked at how individuals and families coped with AIDS in the early part of the epidemic. While in New York, she conducted one of the largest studies of the effects on adolescents of having a parent with end-stage cancer compared to parents with AIDS. Her focus has been to improve resilience and coping for those affected by chronic disease. Dr. Seals and NACR staff were recognized by the CDC for excellent contributions to Breast and Cervical and Comprehensive Cancer AIAN programs in 2008. She has widely published with over 80 articles and 120 presentations. Dr. Seals is the Principal Investigator for a CDC grant providing technical assistance to tribes and states seeking to better address cancer in Indian Country.

RANDALL SELL, SC.D.

Associate Professor

Drexel University School of Public Health

Dr. Randall Sell is an Associate Professor at Drexel University's School of Public Health, in the Department of Community Health and Prevention. His most recent work has focused on critically examining demographic variables. This work originated in Dr. Sell's research on defining and measuring sexual orientations, and sampling sexual minorities for public health research. Dr. Sell has researched and published on the history and best practices of sampling homosexuality (Sell and Petrilio, 1996; Sell 1997; Sell and Bradford, 2000; Sell and Silenzio, 2006; Sell, Kates and Brodie, 2007), has created an assessment of sexual orientation (Sell, 1996), and was one of the first to estimate the prevalence of lesbians, gays and bisexuals in a probability sample of the United States, United Kingdom, and France (Sell et al., 1995). Dr Sell has also examined and reported on the importance of routinely including sexual orientation variables in public health data collection activities (Sell and Becker, 2001; Sell, 2007), and he serves as a consultant to an ever-increasing number of surveys and programs that have begun to collect sexual orientation data around the world. He also created and maintains the website www.GayData.org.



PEGGY SHEPARD

Executive Director, Co-Founder
WE ACT For Environmental Justice

Peggy Shepard is executive director and co-founder of WE ACT For Environmental Justice aka West Harlem Environmental Action. Founded in 1988 in West Harlem, WE ACT works to build community power to improve environmental health, policy and protection in communities of color. She is a recipient of the 2008 Jane Jacobs Lifetime Achievement Award from the Rockefeller Foundation, the 10th Annual Heinz Award For the Environment, and the Dean's Distinguished Service Award from the Columbia Mailman School of Public Health in 2004. WE ACT is a nationally recognized organization in the field of community-based participatory research in partnership with the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University. Ms. Shepard is a member of the National Children's Study Federal Advisory Committee to the National Institutes of Health. Ms. Shepard served as guest editor of an Environmental Health Perspectives monograph, Advancing Environmental Justice Through Community-Based Participatory Research, April 2002, and is co-author of Promoting Environmental Health Policy Through Community Based Participatory Research: A Case Study from Harlem, New York, published in the Journal of Urban Health, Bulletin of the New York Academy of Medicine, Jan. 2006.

ALEXANDRA E. SHIELDS, PH.D.

Director, Harvard/MGH Center on Genomics, Vulnerable Populations, and Health Disparities
Assistant Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School

Alexandra E. Shields, Ph.D., Director of the Harvard/MGH Center on Genomics, Vulnerable Populations, and Health Disparities, is also Assistant Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School, Associate Faculty at The Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard, and co-directs the Harvard-wide CTSC Disparities Initiative. Her research interests include access and quality of care for low-income, minority, and other underserved populations; challenges associated with translating genomic research into clinical practice; and ways in which genomic medicine and health information technology may impact health disparities. Dr. Shields has led several national studies investigating clinical and ethical issues regarding tailoring smoking cessation treatment by genotype, and was awarded an NHGRI-funded P20 to develop a Center of Excellence in ELSI Research on "Genetics, Vulnerable Populations, and Health Disparities." She currently leads an NHGRI-funded R01 project investigating American's attitudes and beliefs regarding genetics' role in addiction, and a project tracking the diffusion of genetic tests throughout health plans. Dr. Shields received her Ph.D. in Social Policy from Brandeis University, where she was a Pew Health Policy Scholar and an AHCPR Fellow. From Boston College, she holds both a B.A. (summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, in Sociology and Theology) and an M.A. (with distinction, in Theology).



ARJUMAND SIDDIQI, SC.D.

Assistant Professor

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Arjumand Siddiqi is a social epidemiologist. She received her doctorate from Harvard University and is currently Assistant Professor at the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health, and a Faculty Fellow of the Carolina Population Center. Dr. Siddiqi is interested in the role of social and economic aspects of societies in shaping inequities in population health and human development. In particular, her research utilizes a cross-national comparative perspective to understand the consequences of social welfare policies for inequalities in health and developmental outcomes. Areas of research include the influence of income inequality and social policies on inequities in adolescent schooling outcomes amongst the advanced market economies, the impact on population health of the transition from communism to a market-based economy among Eastern European nations, and an emerging body of work to understand health inequities in Canada versus the United States. Dr. Siddiqi was a member of the World Health Organization's Commission on Social Determinants of Health Knowledge Hub on Early Child Development, and has consulted to several international agencies including the World Bank and UNICEF. She was recently awarded a fellowship from the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research to study International variations of socioeconomic inequities in children's health and development.

GAYLE SLAUGHTER, PH.D.

Assistant Dean and Associate Professor

Baylor College of Medicine

Gayle Slaughter, Ph.D is the Assistant Dean for Graduate Education for the Graduate School of Baylor College of Medicine and a tenured Associate Professor. More than 1,700 undergraduates have participated in the SMART Program she designed and directs. She directs the NIGMS funded SMART PREP post-bac program and IMSD, which has fostered development of more than 100 under-represented Ph.D. students. She directs the REACH IRACDA that funds post-doctoral study at BCM with teaching courses at minority serving institutions.

Dr. Slaughter has spoken at 22 national conferences and 350 college meetings. She developed the SMART GRE Prep Workshops. Some of her "Thriving, Not Just Surviving, As A Scientist" skills workshops" have been compiled in Beyond the Beakers: SMART Advice on Entering Graduate Programs in the Sciences and Engineering. She served on and chaired the Steering Committee of the GREAT Group, composed of leaders of graduate education in medical schools. She received the Presidential Excellence in Education Award and the Jaworski Award for Educational Leadership from Baylor College of Medicine, the first educational award given by her department and the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring from President Bush. She is a BCM Diversity Council Vice-Chair.



AMOS L. SMITH, M.S.W., L.C.S.W.

President and CEO

Community Action Agency of New Haven, Inc.

Amos L. Smith is the President and CEO at the Community Action Agency of New Haven, Inc., since May 2006. Mr. Smith reports to a Board of Directors currently comprised of 15 members. In addition, he manages a \$14 million budget for an organization that serves 25,000 individuals and over 10,000 families, covering a span of 25 towns, and supervises six senior administrators who are responsible for 100 employees. In September 2006, he was the 8th recipient of the Prevention Award, given by The Yale Consultation Center for recognition of his work to promote innovative and effective programs for members of the Greater New Haven community.

Mr. Smith is currently the Chair of AANE (the Alliance of African American Nonprofit Executives). In the previous years, Mr. Smith was the Director of Program at The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven. He also served as the Principal Investigator for the federally-funded New Haven Healthy Start project, focused on improving maternal and child health.

In addition, Smith was cited in an article that was published by The American Journal of Public Health, May 2003, entitled "Health Policy and the Coloring of an American Male Crisis: A Perspective on Community-Based Health Services."

ANITA STEWART, PH.D.

Professor Emeritus

University of California, San Francisco

Dr. Stewart is Professor Emeritus, University of California San Francisco (UCSF), Institute for Health & Aging. She co-directs the Center for Aging in Diverse Communities which is the UCSF Resource Center for Minority Aging Research, and is PI of its Measurement and Methods Core. Over her career, she has developed expertise in conceptualizing and measuring health, functioning, well-being, health behaviors, and other health-related concepts. These include the Medical Outcomes Study measures of functioning and well-being. She currently focuses on concepts and measures of determinants of health disparities, including interpersonal processes of care relevant to patients from diverse ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds. Dr. Stewart has also gained experience trying to establish lifestyle modification programs in community settings to reach lower income, ethnic minority adults and older adults. She currently is testing the effectiveness of a lifestyle program to reduce risk for diabetes in lower income, minority adults at high risk of diabetes through a community-based randomized clinical trial.



S. LEONARD SYME, PH.D.

Professor of Epidemiology and Community Health
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Dr. S. Leonard Syme is Professor of Epidemiology and Community Health (Emeritus) at the University of California, Berkeley. His major research interest has been psychosocial risk factors such as job stress, social support, poverty, and social inequalities in health. In doing this research, he has studied San Francisco bus drivers; Japanese living in Japan, Hawaii and California; British civil servants; and people living in Alameda County, California. Dr. Syme has written two books and over 150 published papers, and has been a visiting professor at universities in England and Japan. He was elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences and has received several honors related to his teaching and research, among them the Lilienfeld Award for Excellence in Teaching, the J.D. Bruce Award from the American College of Physicians for Distinguished Contributions in Preventive Medicine, and the University of California Distinguished Emeritus Professor Award. Now retired, Dr. Syme is Director of the Research for Action Center which is attempting to lessen disease inequalities by empowering people and communities. The Center uses a variety of methods including printed materials, video production, resource development, and community interventions.

HERMAN TAYLOR, M.D., M.P.H., F.A.C.C., F.A.H.A.

Professor of Medicine
University Of Mississippi Medical Center

Dr. Herman Taylor, M.D., M.P.H., F.A.C.C., F.A.H.A., is Professor of Medicine and Attending Physician in the Division of Cardiovascular Diseases and Internal Medicine, University Of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC); Visiting Professor of Biology in the Division of Natural Sciences at Tougaloo College; and Clinical Professor of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine at Jackson State University. He is a Fellow in the American College of Cardiology and in the American Heart Association. Dr. Taylor holds the Aaron Shirley Endowed Chair for the Study of Health Disparities at UMMC. Dr. Taylor is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Minority Access Role Model Award and the Herbert W. Nickens Award for Excellence in Epidemiological Research in 2004. Dr. Taylor joined the UMMC faculty and became PI and Director of the Jackson Heart Study (JHS) in June 1998. Prior to that time, he held Associate and Assistant Professor positions in the School of Medicine, Department of Cardiology at the University of Alabama, Birmingham and as Attending Physician in Cardiology at the University of Alabama Birmingham Hospital and at the Birmingham Veterans Administration Medical Center. Dr. Taylor earned his M.D. degree at Harvard Medical School; he also earned a Masters of Public Health degree from Harvard School of Public Health.



MAKANI THEMBA-NIXON

Executive Director, The Praxis Project

Makani Themba-Nixon is executive director of The Praxis Project, a nonprofit organization helping communities use media and policy advocacy to advance health justice. She is also project director of the Communities Creating Healthy Environments (C-CHE) National Program Office, an initiative of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to support policy advocacy to advance healthy food outlets and safe places to play in communities of color. Makani has published numerous articles and case studies on race, media, policy advocacy and public health. She is author of *Making Policy, Making Change*, which examines media and policy advocacy for public health through case studies and practical information. Makani is co-author of *Media Advocacy and Public Health: Power for Prevention*, a contributor to the volumes *We the Media*, *State of the Race: Creating Our 21st Century*, along with many other edited book projects. Her latest book, co-authored with Hunter Cutting is *Talking the Walk: Communications Guide for Racial Justice*.

JAMES THOMAS, M.P.H., PH.D.

Associate Professor of Epidemiology

Director of the UNC Program in Public Health Ethics

Dr. James Thomas studies the social epidemiology of sexually transmitted diseases. His current areas of interest are the community health effects of concentrated incarceration and the influence of the characteristics of agency networks on STD control. He is presently studying a network of HIV treatment agencies in KwaZulu-Natal Province, South Africa. Dr. Thomas is also the Director of the UNC Program in Public Health Ethics. He links the social epidemiology of diseases and disparities to justice and ethics in public health. He is studying non-Western perspectives on public health ethics in Thailand and Kenya.



BETI THOMPSON, PH.D.

Professor of Health Services
University of Washington

Beti Thompson is a Full Member of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center and a Professor of Health Services at the University of Washington. Her major research focus is on lifestyle behavior change, such as dietary practices, as well as encouraging populations to participate in screening activities. She is committed to a community organization approach to intervention and utilizes that strategy whether dealing with an entire community, a worksite as community, or a subpopulation group as a community. She leads three large community studies in the Lower Yakima Valley of Washington State. One study focuses on cancer awareness, prevention, and screening; one focuses on diabetes education and prevention; and the third aims to reduce the take-home pathway of pesticide exposure among children of farmworkers. The Yakima Valley is largely Hispanic and she has a large staff of bilingual, bicultural people in the Valley and in Seattle. Dr. Thompson also leads a collaborative study with New Mexico State University. With her co-Principal Investigator in Las Cruces, Dr. Mary O'Connell, she works to increase the cancer research infrastructure at NMSU. Dr. Thompson also heads a number of smoking cessation and prevention studies. Dr. Thompson has authored more than 150 scholarly articles.

JOHN THORP, M.D.

Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

John Thorp is a Distinguished Professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Division Director for Women's Primary Healthcare. He is also a Professor of Maternal and Child Health in the School of Public Health. Dr. Thorp is the Medical Director for the Horizons Perinatal Substance Abuse Program. He is a fellow at both the Sheps Center for Health Services Research and the Carolina Population Center and Associate Director and Co-founder of the Center for Women's Health Research.

Research endeavors by Dr. Thorp have included more than 50 grants on which he has served a principal role. These grants range in topics, to include hormone replacement, treatment for vaginitis, substance abuse among pregnant women, smoking cessation in pregnancy, preterm labor and delivery, oral contraceptive development, the study of cervicofetal fibronectin, the use of antibiotic prophylaxis, perinatal HIV infection and others. Dr. Thorp's grants are sponsored by a number of private and public sources, including several pharmaceutical companies, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Institutes of Health and the National Institute for Drug Abuse. Currently he is a Principal Investigator for the Maternal Fetal Medicine Units Network grant, UNC being one of sixteen centers nationwide doing research into preterm birth and its causes. He is also consultant obstetrician to the NC sites in the National Children's Study.



ADEWALE TROUTMAN, M.D., M.P.H., M.A.

Director, Louisville Metro Department of Public Health and Wellness

Dr. Adewale Troutman is the Director of the Louisville Metro Department of Public Health and Wellness where he leads the department's 350 employees in the protection, preservation and promotion of the health, environment and well-being for the country's 16th largest city. In addition, he serves as an Associate Professor at the University of Louisville School of Public Health.

Dr. Troutman is a former Director of the Fulton County Department of Health and Wellness, Atlanta, Georgia. He served as a senior scientist for Community Health and Preventive Medicine, Morehouse School of Medicine, where he worked with former U.S. Surgeon General David Satcher on a study of racial disparities in health.

Dr. Troutman is a member of the Institute of Medicine Committee on Childhood Obesity, the National Board of Public Health Examiners, the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Healthy People 2020, and a founding member of the Academy for Health Equity.

Dr. Troutman received his M.D. from the College of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey and his M.P.H. from the Columbia University School of Public Health. He received his M.A. in Black Studies from the State University of New York and served a residency in Family Medicine at the Medical University of South Carolina.

JOANN TSARK, M.P.H.

Research Director, Papa Ola Lokahi

JoAnn Tsark, M.P.H., is the Research Director at Papa Ola Lokahi, a community based non-profit organization in Hawai'i that focuses on improving the health and wellness of Native Hawaiians. Ms. Tsark also serves as the Director of 'Imi Hale – Native Hawaiian Cancer Network, one of 25 NCI-funded Community Network Programs that provides a community infrastructure for increasing the number of indigenous researchers addressing cancer prevention and control and providing cancer education and training to increase Hawaiian capacity to reduce the burden of cancer in Hawaiian communities.



TIMOTHY TURNER, PH.D.

Professor of Biology, Deputy Director of Research and Training
Tuskegee University National Center for Bioethics in Research and Health Care

Timothy Turner, Ph.D., Professor of Biology, is the Deputy Director of Research and Training in the Tuskegee University National Center for Bioethics in Research and Health Care and the Lead Principal Investigator for the Morehouse School of Medicine/Tuskegee University/University of Alabama at Birmingham U54 Cancer Partnership. He is also the Associate Director of Tuskegee University's Project EXPORT and coordinator of its Public Health, and Bioethics in Education, Research, and Training Core. His research interests focus on identifying and disrupting signaling mechanisms involved the progression of prostate cancer to its invasive and metastatic stages. The Turner lab is currently exploring the use of a nanoscale magnetic-based guided drug delivery system for cancer therapeutics. Dr. Turner received his B.S. degree from Jackson State University, Jackson MS. His cancer research career started at the University of California, Berkeley where he received his Ph.D. degree. In addition to his administrative, research and teaching obligations, Dr. Turner is responsible for the training, advising and mentoring of graduate and undergraduate students in his laboratory. In connection with these interests, Dr. Turner's major focus is to increase biomedical and cancer research ongoing at Tuskegee University to promote the reduction of health disparities affecting African Americans.

DONNA VALLONE, PH.D., M.P.H.

Senior Vice President, Research and Evaluation
American Legacy Foundation

Donna Vallone is American Legacy Foundation's Senior Vice President of Research and Evaluation. She oversees Legacy's portfolio of internal, contract and grant-funded research and evaluation studies. Her major areas of research include the ongoing evaluation of the truth® campaign, a youth-oriented tobacco countermarketing campaign, and the evaluation of EX, Legacy's cessation campaign for adult smokers. Dr. Vallone's specific research interest focuses on tobacco-related health disparities. She is an active member and a funder of the Tobacco-related Health Disparities Research Network (TReND), a transdisciplinary research organization focused on translating scientific knowledge into practice, and informing public policy. Dr. Vallone's recent peer-reviewed publications include: "Assessing the Impact of the National "truth" Antismoking Campaign on Beliefs and Attitudes by Race/Ethnicity" (Ethnicity and Health, (forthcoming)); "The Importance of Location for Tobacco Cessation: Rural-Urban Disparities in Quit Success in Underserved West Virginia Counties" (J Rural Health, 2008 Spring); and "How Reliable and Valid is the Brief Sensation Seeking Scale (BSSS-4) for Youth of Various Racial/Ethnic Groups?" (Addiction, Oct. 2007). Dr. Vallone received her masters' degree in International Community Health Education from New York University, and her doctoral degree in Sociomedical Sciences from Columbia University.



LUIS F. VELEZ, M.D., PH.D.

Assistant Professor in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Institute for Health Promotion Research (IHPR), School of Medicine
University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio

Luis F. Velez, M.D., Ph.D. is an assistant professor in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Institute for Health Promotion Research (IHPR), School of Medicine, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio in Texas. Dr. Velez, who has been with the IHPR since its inception, has a medical degree from Pontificia Universidad Javeriana in Colombia and a doctorate in behavioral sciences. He was previously an assistant professor at the Chronic Disease Prevention and Control Research Center of the Department of Medicine at Baylor College of Medicine.

KAMILLA VENNER, PH.D.

Assistant Professor
University of New Mexico

Dr. Venner is an assistant professor of psychology at the University of New Mexico where she earned her Ph.D. in clinical psychology. She is also a member of the Athabascan tribe in Alaska. Dr. Venner has devoted her career to understanding the development of alcohol problems and the process of resolving those problems among American Indian/Alaska Native populations. Her passion lies in effecting changes to help eliminate the disproportionate health disparities experienced among AI/AN people. Dr. Venner's grants have focused on improving substance abuse treatment and interventions for AI/AN by collecting success stories of recovery and by adapting effective substance abuse treatment in partnership with AI/AN. Her current NIDA R01 funding aims to work with the Zuni people to adapt and test the feasibility of two evidenced based treatments: motivational interviewing (MI) and the community reinforcement approach (CRA). She has a manual to guide the use of MI with AI/AN people available as a free download at <http://casaa.unm.edu/nami.html>. Dr. Venner plans to continue working with tribes to adapt evidenced based treatments and to test the current methods of training native providers to use such treatments.



ANTONIA VILLARRUEL, PH.D., F.A.A.N.

Professor and Associate Dean for Research
The University of Michigan School of Nursing

Antonia M. Villarruel Ph.D., is Professor and Associate Dean for Research at The University of Michigan School of Nursing. She has an extensive background in health promotion and health disparities research and practice. She incorporates a community-based participatory approach to her research. Specifically, her research focuses on the development and testing interventions to reduce HIV sexual risk among Mexican and Latino youth. Dr. Villarruel has been the PI and Co-I of several NIH and CDC funded studies. She developed an effective program for HIV prevention among Latino youth – entitled Cuidate!. It will be disseminated nationally by the CDC. Dr. Villarruel has assumed leadership roles in many national and local organizations. She is the Vice-President and founding member of the National Coalition of Ethnic Minority Nursing Associations and past president of the National Association of Hispanic Nurses. She has served as a member of the HRSA/CDC HIV/STD Advisory Council and also as a charter member of the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services' Advisory Council on Minority Health and Health Disparities. She has received numerous honors and awards including membership in the Institute of Medicine and induction and a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing.

K. VISWANATH, M.A., PH.D.

Associate Professor, Harvard University

Dr. K. Viswanath is a member of the faculty at the Harvard School of Public Health (HSPH) and the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute (DFCI), and the Director of the Health Communication Core of the Dana-Farber/Harvard Cancer Center (DFHCC). He is also the Director of the Enhancing Communications for Health Outcomes (ECHO) Laboratory of the DFHCC, and the Chair of the Steering Committee of the Health Communication Concentration at HSPH. Dr. Viswanath received his Ph.D. and M.A. from the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, after completing graduate and under graduate studies at Osmania University, Hyderabad, India.

Current research in Dr. Viswanath's lab at DFCI/HSPH focuses on documenting the link between inequalities in communication and health disparities and how to address the disparities. Within this broader context, Dr. Viswanath's work is examining e-health and health disparities, learning about health from the media, information seeking among cancer survivors and patients, professional work of health journalists, media's role in tobacco use and health communication and social capital. The work is funded by the National Institutes of Health, the American Legacy Foundation and the Lance Armstrong Foundation among others. The Viswanath Lab currently consists of post-doctoral fellows, doctoral students and project directors. He has published extensively in the areas of health communication, communication campaigns, e-health and mass communication.



DEBRA WALLACE, PH.D., R.N.

Professor

University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Dr. Debra C. Wallace is the Daphine Doster Mastroianni Distinguished Professor, Director of the Center for the Health of Vulnerable Populations, and Associate Dean for Research at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro School of Nursing. Dr. Wallace's research is concerned with risk factors for diabetes, cardiovascular disease and health service use in elderly, African American, Hispanic, rural and female populations. She has mentored multiple students and faculty members over the past 18 years, including Ronald McNair Fellows. Dr. Wallace was appointed by the U.S. DHHS Assistant Secretary of Health to serve as chair of the Nursing Research Initiative grant review panel for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, and served as a reviewer for the NIH Loan Repayment Program. She serves as co-investigator of a 6-year HRSA Community Gerontology Grant (\$1.3 million), co-investigator of a Department of Defense Genomic medicine initiative grant (\$7 Million, 4 years, Pericak-Vance is PI), and serves as Principal Investigator for the 5 year P20 center funded by NCMHD/NIH for health disparities that involves 27 faculty, students and staff from multiple departments at UNCG, NC Central University, and the community.

STEVEN WALLACE, PH.D.

Professor of Public Health and Associate Director at UCLA School of Public Health

Steven P. Wallace, Ph.D. is professor at the UCLA School of Public Health, Vice-Chair of the Department of Community Health Sciences, and Associate Director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research. Dr. Wallace has studied immigration issues since the mid-1980s when he first studied Central American immigration to the U.S. and the effects of immigration reform (IRCA) on immigrant communities in the San Francisco Bay Area. His interest in migration issues since then has focused primarily on access to health care and services for the elderly. His work has included studies of both Asian and Latin American immigrant elders, as well as analyses of access to health care and preventive services for nonelderly adults. His current research includes several studies that identify the gaps in health policies for underserved elders in the state, determine access to care barriers for Mexican immigrants in California and the U.S., and explore the consequences of transborder ties on family strategies for accessing health care in the Tijuana-San Diego border area. Wallace received a Fulbright Fellowship for research and lecturing in Chile in 2000 where he studied the impact of public policies on health equity among the elderly.





ISAIAH WARNER, PH.D.

Vice Chancellor for Strategic Initiatives; Boyd Professor and Philip W. West Professor of Analytical and Environmental Chemistry;
Howard Hughes Medical Institute Professor

Dr. Warner received his B.S. in chemistry from Southern University in 1968. He was a research chemist with Battelle Northwest (Richland) for five years. He entered graduate school at the University of Washington (1973) and received his Ph.D. in 1977. He was assistant professor of chemistry at Texas A&M University from 1977-82, was awarded tenure, and promoted to associate professor (effective September 1982). He joined Emory University in 1982 as associate professor, was promoted to full professor in 1986, and named Samuel Candler Dobbs Professor of Chemistry (September 1987). In August 1992, he joined LSU as Philip W. West Professor of Analytical Chemistry. He was Chair of the Chemistry Department from July 1994-97, and appointed Boyd Professor of the LSU System in July 2000; Vice Chancellor for Strategic Initiatives in 2001, and Howard Hughes Medical Institute Professor in 2002. Dr. Warner has close to 300 refereed articles with research primarily in the areas of spectroscopy, separation science, and nanomaterials. He has been issued six patents for his work, with three others pending. He has chaired 39 doctoral theses and is currently supervising 15 others. Recent honors include: 2008 ACS Division of Analytical Chemistry Award in Spectrochemical Analysis and the 2007 Anachem Award.

THOMAS WEBER, M.D., F.A.C.S.

Professor of Surgery & Molecular Genetics, Albert Einstein College of Medicine
Chief of Surgery, Einstein Hospital

Dr. Weber is Professor of Surgery & Molecular Genetics at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine and Chief of Surgery at Einstein Hospital, Montefiore Medical Center in New York City. He is a recent member of the Board of Governors of the American College of Surgeons. Dr. Weber is an American Cancer Society Research Scholar, an NIH funded scientific investigator and a member of the editorial boards of the Journal of Clinical Oncology and Annals of Surgical Oncology. Dr. Weber is the current Chair of the National Colorectal Cancer Round Table (www.nccrt.org) which is sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and the American Cancer Society. He is a recent past President of the Collaborative Group of the Americas for the study of hereditary colorectal cancer. Dr. Weber serves on the NY State Comprehensive Cancer Plan Advisory Board to Health Commissioner Daines as well as Health Commissioner Frieden's Advisory Council to the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Dr. Weber is Co-Chair of the NYC Health Department sponsored Colorectal Cancer Control Coalition. He has published extensively on hereditary colorectal cancer and is a frequent invited speaker on that subject at national and international meetings. He has recently joined the Advisory Board of the Human Variome Project a global effort, to study the contribution of genetic variation to Human disease including cancer. Dr. Weber Directs the internationally recognized Surgical Oncology Translational Research Fellowship Program at Einstein.



ARMIN D. WEINBERG, PH.D.

Professor, Department of Medicine

Director, Chronic Disease Prevention and Control Research Center

Baylor College of Medicine

Dr. Weinberg has directed the Center since its inception in 1987 as the Center for Cancer Control Research. He began his career at Baylor in 1975 as Director of the Education Division of the DeBakey Heart Center. Recognizing that the community models he had developed as Director of the DeBakey Heart Center Education Division could be applied to other chronic diseases, Dr. Weinberg began to pursue funding in cancer and chronic disease prevention and control. Dr. Weinberg's efforts have successfully kept Baylor involved in prevention, screening, and control activities at both the state, national and international levels. Center projects to reduce the burden of cancer and other chronic diseases have been supported by more than \$45 million of external funding from public (NIH, CDC, HRSA, AHRQ, OMH), private and non-profit sectors. Dr. Weinberg is the Principal Investigator of the EDICT (Eliminating Disparities in Clinical Trials) Project, launched in 2005. The EDICT initiative is a research study designed to address the problems and find workable solutions to recruiting and retaining populations that are underrepresented in clinical trials such as low income, elderly, racial-ethnic minorities or those who live in rural areas.

JANE WEINTRAUB, D.D.S., M.P.H.

Lee Hysan Professor, Director, UCSF Center to Address Disparities in Children's Oral Health; University of California, San Francisco

Dr. Weintraub is the Lee Hysan Professor and Chair, Division of Oral Epidemiology and Dental Public Health, University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), School of Dentistry. She has been the Principal Investigator and Director of the multi-disciplinary NIH-funded UCSF Center to Address Disparities in Children's Oral Health since 2001.

Dr. Weintraub's research has focused on the epidemiology of oral conditions and caries prevention-oriented randomized clinical trials. Her patient and population-based research, with applications to dental patients or the larger community, spans the continuum of epidemiology, clinical research, health disparities research and health policy.



RICHARD C. WENDER, M.D.

Alumni Professor and Chair of the Department of Family and Community Medicine
Thomas Jefferson University

Richard C. Wender, M.D. is Alumni Professor and Chair of the Department of Family and Community Medicine at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia. A graduate of Princeton University and the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Dr. Wender directed the Family Practice residency program at Thomas Jefferson for 10 years, became Vice Chair of the Department in 1995 and Chair in 2002. In addition to being a practicing family doctor, Dr. Wender's major area of academic focus has been cancer prevention and screening. Dr. Wender has been a volunteer leader at multiple levels of the American Cancer Society. He served as President of the American Cancer Society from 2006-07, becoming the first primary care clinician to serve as National President in the 93 year history of ACS.

From 2006-08, Dr. Wender co-chaired the ACS task force on Access to Care and helped launch that organization's national campaign of health care access. Dr. Wender was a co-investigator of an NCI-funded study of tailored interventions to increase colorectal cancer screening. He is the recipient of the American Cancer Society's St George Medal, and National Divisional Award, and the Cancer Prevention Laurel for National Leadership from the Cancer Research and Prevention Foundation.

KEITH E. WHITFIELD, PH.D.

Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience
Duke University

Dr. Keith E. Whitfield is Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience, Professor of Geriatric Medicine, and Director of the Center on Biobehavioral and Social Aspects of Health Disparities and the Developmental Program in Psychology at Duke University. His program of research utilizes individuals and twin pairs to examine cognition, health, and interfaces between the two. This work comprises studies conducted in Maryland, North Carolina, Sweden, and Russia and has been funded by the NIA, NICHD, and NSF. He has served on the National Academy of Sciences "Aging Mind" committee and the "Research Agenda for the Social Psychology of Aging" committee as well as on the Institute of Medicine's committee on "Assessing Interactions among Social, Behavioral, and Genetic Factors on Health." He is the chair-elect of the Behavioral and Social Sciences section of the Gerontological Society of America (GSA) and the past chair of GSA's Task Force on Minority Issues. He currently is a member of NIA's Board of Scientific Counselors, on the editorial board for Journal of Applied Developmental Psychology and Healthy Aging and Clinical Care in the Elderly and serves as an Associate Editor for Experimental Aging Research.



MYRON WILLIAMS, PH.D.

Associate Professor of Chemistry

Clark Atlanta University

Dr. Williams received his B.S. from Howard University and Ph.D. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he studied bacterial genetics. As a postdoctoral associate at the International Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology in New Delhi, India and at the University of Georgia, he developed methods for rapid genetic analysis of crop plants and bacterial expression of antibody probes for carbohydrate structures. Since joining the Clark Atlanta University faculty in 1997, Williams has lead protein engineering and molecular biological projects for development of biosensors and identification of biomarkers of poor prognosis in prostate cancer. In 2004 Dr. Williams was selected as a research fellow at the Molecular Sciences Institute in Berkeley CA, working in NHGRI-sponsored Center of Excellence in Genomic Sciences. In addition to efforts in reform of science education curricula (especially with respect to minority populations), Williams has undertaken a project to determine the molecular effects of herbal medicines in cancer cells.

MARCIA WILSON, PH.D., M.B.A.

George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services

Dr. Marcia Wilson currently works with Aligning Forces for Quality, a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation funded program designed to improve the health care that Americans receive in targeted communities by providing select leadership teams with grants and substantial expert assistance to help them 1) work with physicians to improve quality of care, 2) measure and publicly report on the quality of care, and 3) engage consumers to make informed choices about their own health and health care. For the past five years, Dr. Wilson has worked with hospital collaboratives that focus on reducing disparities in cardiac care and reducing emergency department crowding while improving hospital-wide patient flow. She has nearly twenty years of experience in the private sector of health care working primarily with medical groups and clinics and her experience in the financing of health care services includes third-party reimbursement, budgets, integrated networks, and managed care. Dr. Wilson received her Ph.D. from the School of Business at The George Washington University in the field of Health Services Administration. She has also taught health care finance in the department of Health Services Management and Leadership.



PAUL H. WISE, M.D., M.P.H.

Richard E. Behrman Professor of Child Health and Society
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Dr. Wise is the Richard E. Behrman Professor of Child Health and Society and Professor of Pediatrics at Stanford University School of Medicine. He is Director of the Center for Policy, Outcomes and Prevention and a core faculty of the Centers for Health Policy and Primary Care Outcomes Research, Stanford University. Dr. Wise received his A.B. degree summa cum laude and his M.D. degree from Cornell University, a Master of Public Health degree from the Harvard School of Public Health and did his pediatric training at the Children's Hospital in Boston. His former positions include Director of Emergency and Primary Care Services at the Children's Hospital, Boston and Director of the Harvard Institute for Reproductive and Child Health at Harvard Medical School, and Special Assistant to the U.S. Surgeon General. Dr. Wise's research focuses on U.S and international child health policy, the policy implications of gene-environment interaction, and the impact of medical innovation on disparities in child health.

TSU-YIN WU, PH.D., R.N.

Director, Healthy Asian Americans Project
University of Michigan

Dr. Tsu-Yin Wu, Ph.D, RN, of Ypsilanti, Michigan, is an associate professor at the School of Nursing at Eastern Michigan University and the director for the Healthy Asian American Project (HAAP) at the University of Michigan (UM). Since 1996, HAAP has provided comprehensive health services and education on breast, cervical and colorectal cancer for Asian communities in southeastern Michigan. Wu earned her Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in nursing, specializing in health promotion and risk reduction. She completed her post-doctoral fellowship in interdisciplinary women's health at UM. She has more than 10 years of community and research experience in promoting healthy living among Asian Americans. Her recent research projects and interests focus on promoting breast cancer screening among Asian American groups including Chinese, Filipino, Asian Indian and Korean through designing and implementing culturally-tailored education interventions for each group. She is the author of several peer-reviewed papers documenting health needs and health behaviors among Asian American.



J. MICHAEL WYSS, PH.D.

Professor of Cell Biology and Medicine

University of Alabama

Mike Wyss received a Ph.D. in neurobiology from Washington University in St Louis. During his postdoctoral studies at Washington University School of Medicine, he applied cell biological methods to elucidate the role of the limbic cortex in behavior and autonomic control, and has continued to expand this research at UAB. His laboratory continues to study the role of neuronal plasticity in age-related cognitive loss, especially in Alzheimer's Disease. These studies focus on the role that abnormal lipids, metabolic disorder and hypertension play in the progression of cognitive dysfunction. As Associate Director of the UAB Alzheimer's Disease Research Center, he continues to focus the Center on the pathogenesis of AD in minorities. His studies also test the mechanisms controlling arterial pressure and have recently focused on the beneficial and adverse effects that botanical products have on cardiovascular and cognitive health. As Director of CORD, he has created and extended programs that provide science, technology and math education to about 90,000 K-12 student (75% minority or underserved). In this capacity, he is also carrying out research into methods to reduce obesity and metabolic disease in children, and thereby decrease their risk of future cardiovascular and metabolic disease. He is currently a Councilor of the APS and of AAALAC, International.

NOLAN ZANE, PH.D.

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Director, Asian American Center on Disparities Research

Nolan Zane, Ph.D., is Professor of Psychology and Asian American Studies at the University of California, Davis and Director of the Asian American Center on Disparities Research. The center is the only nationwide research center that focuses on the mental health issues of Asian American populations and communities. He also is the Director of the Asian American Studies Program at UC Davis. He is a Fellow of the American Psychological Association, served as President of Asian American Psychological Association, and received the Distinguished Contribution Award from the Asian American Psychological Association. He has served as a cultural diversity consultant and/or grant reviewer for the National Institute on Drug Abuse, the National Institute of Mental Health, the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, and the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research. He also served on the American Psychological Association Presidential Task Force on Evidence-based Psychological Practice. His research focuses on the development and evaluation of culturally based sociobehavioral interventions for ethnic minority clientele, ethnocultural moderators of change in psychotherapy, and the determinants of addictive behaviors among Asian Americans. His current research examines cultural variations in emotion regulation and in face loss and shame with respect to their effects on client and care provider interactions.





CARMEN D. ZORRILLA, M.D.

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Dr. Carmen D. Zorrilla graduated from the University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine in 1978. She completed her residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University Hospital in the same institution in 1982. She has worked as a faculty member of the OB-GYN Department for the past 24 years. She is certified by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology and the American Academy of HIV Medicine. She established the first longitudinal clinic for Women Living with HIV in Puerto Rico in 1987. She participated in the PACTG 076 as one of the first 10 pilot sites and was instrumental in changing the public health policy in PR towards making available the ZDV to all pregnant women living with HIV. One accomplishment for which Dr. Zorrilla feels proud is the almost zero transmission rate of HIV infection among the more than 400 infants born to pregnant women living with HIV who received treatment at her clinic during the past 10 years. She is the PI of the UPR Clinical Trials Unit (UPR-CTU), a merge of the three previously independent clinical trials units including the Pediatric AIDS Clinical Trials Unit (IMPAACT), the Adult Clinical Trials Unit (ACTG) and the HIV Vaccine Trials Unit (HVTN). This new unit centralized and enhanced the opportunities for participation into HIV-related clinical trials for diverse groups in the island including adults, adolescents, women and children. As the PI for the PR Comprehensive Center for the Study of HIV Disparities (PR-CCHD) she established a consortium of 6 professionals schools in PR.

EDWARD LEE ZUROWESTE, M.D.

Chief Medical Officer
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Dr. Zuroweste combines a full compliment of clinical, administrative, and instructional responsibilities in the various positions he holds. Dr. Zuroweste is Chief Medical Officer of the Migrant Clinicians Network, Inc., a national clinical network of providers who care for the mobile poor. Additionally, Dr. Zuroweste is an Assistant Professor of Medicine at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine where he directs an International Health Elective in Honduras for fourth year medical students, and he is the attending physician for the Franklin and Dauphin County State Health Department Tuberculosis Clinics. He is a frequent consultant for the Bureau of Primary Health Care. Dr. Zuroweste was recently recognized for his domestic and international work by receiving the 2007 Christopher Krogh Memorial Award by the Global Health Education Consortium at their annual meeting in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Previously, Dr. Zuroweste was Medical Director for the Keystone Health Center in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania for seven years. In addition to his administrative responsibilities, Dr. Zuroweste maintained a full-time clinical practice in family practice and obstetrics. He was a physician with a private family practice and seasonal migrant farmworker clinic for 14 years, prior to committing himself to community health.



ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Laura R. Hoard, Ph.D., M.Ed., M.Sc.

Social Science Research Analyst

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The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is responsible for federal programs that promote the economic and social well-being of families, children, individuals, and communities. ACF programs aim to empower families and individuals to increase their own economic independence and productivity and to achieve strong, healthy, supportive communities that have a positive impact on the quality of life and the development of children.

ACF builds partnerships with individuals, front-line service providers, communities, American Indian tribes, states, and Congress in order to enable solutions which transcend traditional agency boundaries. The agency has a strong commitment to working with people with developmental disabilities, refugees, and migrants to address their needs, strengths, and abilities. (<http://www.acf.hhs.gov>)

AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE RESEARCH AND QUALITY

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The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) has a mission to improve the quality, safety, efficiency, effectiveness, and cost-effectiveness of health care for all Americans. The Agency works to fulfill this mission by conducting and supporting health services research, both within AHRQ as well as in leading academic institutions, hospitals, physicians' offices, health care systems, and many other settings across the country, that: reduces the risk of harm from health care services by using evidence-based research and technology to promote the delivery of the best possible care; transforms research into practice to achieve wider access to effective health care services and reduce unnecessary health care costs; and improves health care outcomes by encouraging providers, consumers, and patients to use evidence-based information to make informed treatment choices/decisions.

The Agency's mission helps HHS achieve its strategic goals to improve the safety, quality, affordability, accessibility of health care; public health promotion and protection, disease prevention, and emergency preparedness; promote the economic and social well-being of individuals, families, and communities; and advance scientific and biomedical research and development related to health and human services. The Agency has a broad research portfolio that touches on nearly every aspect of health care. (<http://www.ahrq.gov>)



CENTER FOR FAITH-BASED AND COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

Ana Pilato, M.A., Director

The Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (CFBCI) welcomes the participation of faith-based and community organizations (FBCOs) as essential partners in assisting our country's neediest citizens. CFBCI empowers FBCOs to compete more effectively for federal funds so that they may provide better human services to more people. Through regional conferences, training workshops, e-mail updates, and general technical assistance, CFBCI is committed to providing FBCOs with the necessary tools, contact information, and potential funding opportunities to enhance the work they are doing throughout their communities.

While CFBCI exists to supply information and resources, it is important to note that there is no "faith-based money." Rather, CFBCI works to create a "level-playing field" to enable faith-based organizations to compete equally for federal funding which will assist them in serving the needs of their communities. (<http://www.hhs.gov/fbci/about/index.html>)

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

Benedict Truman, M.D., M.P.H.,
Associate Director for Science, Office of Chief of Public Health Practice

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is the primary federal agency for conducting and supporting public health activities in the United States. CDC's Mission is to collaborate to create the expertise, information, and tools that people and communities need to protect their health – through health promotion, prevention of disease, injury and disability, and preparedness for new health threats.

Composed of the Office of the Director, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, and six Coordinating Centers/ Offices, including environmental health and injury prevention, health information services, health promotion, infectious diseases, global health and terrorism preparedness and emergency response, CDC employs more than 14,000 employees in 54 countries and in 170 occupations. (<http://www.cdc.gov>)



HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Tanya Raggio-Ashley, M.D., M.P.H., F.A.A.P.

Chief Medical Officer, Director of Minority Health and Health Disparities

Caroline L. Cochran, M.P.A.

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The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is the primary federal agency for improving access to health care services for people who are uninsured, isolated or medically vulnerable.

Comprising six bureaus, 13 offices and one center, HRSA provides leadership and financial support to health care providers in every state and U.S. territory. HRSA grantees provide health care to uninsured people, people living with HIV/AIDS, and pregnant women, mothers and children. They train health professionals and improve systems of care in rural communities. HRSA oversees organ, tissue and blood cell (bone marrow and cord blood) donation and vaccine injury compensation programs, and maintains databases that protect against health care malpractice and health care waste, fraud and abuse. (<http://www.hrsa.gov>)

INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE

Phillip Smith, M.D., M.P.H.

Director, Division of Planning, Evaluation and Research

The IHS is the principal federal health care provider and health advocate for Indian people, and its goal is to raise their health status to the highest possible level. The IHS currently provides health services to approximately 1.5 million American Indians and Alaska Natives who belong to more than 557 federally recognized tribes in 35 states. The IHS goal is to assure that comprehensive, culturally acceptable personal and public health services are available and accessible to American Indian and Alaska Native people.

The provision of health services to members of federally-recognized tribes grew out of the special government-to-government relationship between the federal government and Indian tribes. This relationship, established in 1787, is based on Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution, and has been given form and substance by numerous treaties, laws, Supreme Court decisions, and Executive Orders. The foundation of IHS is to uphold the federal government's obligation to promote healthy American Indian and Alaska Native people, communities, and cultures and to honor and protect the inherent sovereign rights of Tribes. (<http://www.ihs.gov>)



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

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The National Science Foundation (NSF) is an independent federal agency created by Congress in 1950 "to promote the progress of science; to advance the national health, prosperity, and welfare; to secure the national defense. NSF's goals...discovery, learning, research infrastructure and stewardship, provide an integrated strategy to advance the frontiers of knowledge, cultivate a world-class, broadly inclusive science and engineering workforce and expand the scientific literacy of all citizens, build the nation's research capability through investments in advanced instrumentation and facilities, and support excellence in science and engineering research and education through a capable and responsive organization. NSF is the funding source for approximately 20 percent of all federally supported basic research conducted by America's colleges and universities. In many fields such as mathematics, computer science and the social sciences, NSF is the major source of federal backing. (<http://www.nsf.gov>)

OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH, HHS

Garth Graham, M.D., M.P.H.

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health

The mission of the Office of Minority Health (OMH) is to improve and protect the health of racial and ethnic minority populations through the development of health policies and programs that will eliminate health disparities.

OMH was established in 1986 by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). It advises the Secretary and the Office of Public Health and Science (OPHS) on public health program activities affecting American Indians and Alaska Natives, Asian Americans, Blacks/African Americans, Hispanics/Latinos, Native Hawaiians, and other Pacific Islanders. (<http://www.omhrc.gov>)



SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

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Senior Policy Advisor

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) vision as an agency of the federal government is "A Life in the Community for Everyone." This vision is based on the premise that people of all ages, with or at risk for mental or substance use disorders, should have the opportunity for a fulfilling life that includes a job/education, a home, and meaningful personal relationships with friends and family. SAMHSA works to achieve this vision through an action-oriented, measurable mission of "Building Resilience and Facilitating Recovery."

Through its three Centers and supporting Offices, SAMHSA engages in program activities to carry out its mission. SAMHSA funds and administers a rich portfolio of grant programs and contracts that support state and community efforts to expand and enhance prevention and early intervention programs and to improve the quality, availability and range of substance abuse treatment, mental health and recovery support services—in local communities— where people can be served most effectively. (<http://www.samhsa.gov>)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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The Department of Agriculture (USDA) is a diverse and complex organization with programs that touch the lives of all Americans every day. More than 100,000 employees deliver public services through USDA's more than 300 programs worldwide, leveraging an extensive network of federal, state, and local cooperators. USDA's role has evolved with the economy. Today, USDA improves the Nation's economy and quality of life by: enhancing economic opportunities for U.S. farmers and ranchers; ensuring a safe, affordable, nutritious, and accessible food supply; caring for public lands and helping people care for private lands; supporting the sound, sustainable development of rural communities; expanding global markets for agricultural and forest products and services; and; working to reduce hunger and improve America's health through good nutrition. (<http://www.usda.gov>)



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Leonard Haynes, Ph.D., M.A.

Executive Director,

White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities

The U.S. Department of Education is the agency of the federal government that establishes policy for, administers, and coordinates most federal assistance to education. It assists the president in executing his education policies for the nation and in implementing laws enacted by Congress. The Department's mission is to serve America's students and to ensure that all have equal access to education and to promote excellence in our nation's schools.

When Congress passed Public Law 96-88 in 1979, creating the Department, it declared key purposes of the agency, including: to strengthen the federal commitment to ensuring access to equal educational opportunity for every individual; to supplement and complement the efforts of states, the local school systems and other instrumentalities of the states, the private sector, public and private educational institutions, public and private nonprofit educational research institutions, community-based organizations, parents, and students to improve the quality of education; to encourage the increased involvement of the public, parents, and students in federal education programs; to promote improvements in the quality and usefulness of education through federally supported research, evaluation, and sharing of information; and to improve the coordination, management, and accountability of federal education programs. (<http://www.ed.gov>)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Jon L. Gant, JD

Director, Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control

The mission of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is to increase homeownership, support community development and increase access to affordable housing free from discrimination. Department of Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965 creates HUD as Cabinet-level agency. During the past 5 years, HUD has expanded homeownership, increased access to affordable housing, strengthened communities through economic development, fought housing discrimination, and tackled chronic homelessness.

While increasing homeownership is a top priority, it is not a viable option for everyone. Therefore, providing decent affordable rental housing is a central part of HUD's mission. HUD's largest program, the Housing Choice Voucher program, promotes affordable rental housing for families and individuals. The program currently provides rental assistance to more than four million households through public and assisted housing programs. The mission of HUD also includes strengthening communities. The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is HUD's most important community development program and it is one of the most flexible programs provided to localities by the federal government. A significant portion of CDBG funds supports improving conditions in lower income and distressed communities. (<http://www.hud.gov>)



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mark A. Grider, JD

Senior Counsel to the Deputy Attorney General,
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Intellectual Property Task Force

The mission of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) is to enforce the law and defend the interests of the United States according to the law; to ensure public safety against threats foreign and domestic; to provide federal leadership in preventing and controlling crime; to seek just punishment for those guilty of unlawful behavior; and to ensure fair and impartial administration of justice for all Americans. The United States Department of Justice was established by statute in June 1870, with the Attorney General as its head. The mission of the Office of the Attorney General is to supervise and direct the administration and operation of the Department of Justice, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Drug Enforcement Administration, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Bureau of Prisons, Office of Justice Programs, and the U.S. Attorneys and U.S. Marshals Service, which are all within the Department of Justice. (<http://www.usdoj.gov>)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Gerald Cross, M.D., FAAFP

Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Health

The goal of the Department of Veteran's Affairs (VA) is to provide excellence in patient care, veterans' benefits and customer satisfaction. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) was established on March 15, 1989, succeeding the Veterans Administration. It is responsible for providing federal benefits to veterans and their families. Headed by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, VA is the second-largest of the 15 Cabinet departments and operates nationwide programs for health care, financial assistance and burial benefits. Of the 23.4 million veterans currently alive, nearly three-quarters served during a war or an official period of conflict. About a quarter of the nation's population is potentially eligible for VA benefits and services because they are veterans, family members or survivors of veterans. (<http://www1.va.gov/opa/fact/vafacts.asp>)



U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) leads the nation's environmental science, research, education and assessment efforts. The mission of the EPA is to protect human health and the environment. Since 1970, EPA has been working for a cleaner, healthier environment for the American people. The EPA employs 17,000 people across the country, including its headquarters offices in Washington, DC, 10 regional offices, and more than a dozen labs. In July of 1970, the White House and Congress worked together to establish the EPA in response to the growing public demand for cleaner water, air and land. Prior to the establishment of the EPA, the federal government was not structured to make a coordinated attack on the pollutants that harm human health and degrade the environment. The EPA was assigned the daunting task of repairing the damage already done to the natural environment and to establish new criteria to guide Americans in making a cleaner environment a reality. (<http://www.epa.gov>)



ASIAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER AMERICAN HEALTH FORUM

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President and CEO

The Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum (APIAHF) is a national Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander health issues, policy and advocacy organization to serve a global and inclusive community health needs. APIAHF has the mission to bring the highest level of health and well being to all its constituencies.

APIAHF has adopted the following impacts: a) Expand access to health care for uninsured and under insured Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders; b) Improve quality of health care by promoting cultural and linguistic competency; c) Ensure a diverse and culturally competent health care workforce; d) Increase research on and improve data collection of health and health care needs of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders; and e) Increase investment in community-based health promotion programs.

APIAHF's core program areas include 1) Information Dissemination; 2) Community Health Development with four main divisions (API HIV Capacity Building Assistance Program, Asian and Pacific Islander Institute on Domestic Violence , Chronic Disease Division and Health Through Action; and 3) Policy and Advocacy. (<http://www.apiahf.org>)

**COMMISSION TO END HEALTH CARE DISPARITIES,
AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION AND
NATIONAL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION**

Sandra Gadson, M.D.

Co-Chair, Past President of NMA and Founder,
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In April, 2004, the Federation Task Force on Disparities in Health Care with representation from over 35 state and specialty medical societies and other health professional organizations, chaired by the American Medical Association, in conjunction with the National Medical Association, reaffirmed its commitment to eliminating disparities in health care. The group elected to call themselves the Commission to End Health Care Disparities, focusing on physician leadership, quality, and system approaches to the elimination of disparities.

The Commission to End Health Care Disparities, inspired by the Institute of Medicine Report, "Unequal Treatment," recognizes that health care disparities exist due to multiple factors, including race and ethnicity. The Commission collaborates proactively to increase awareness among physicians and health professionals; uses evidence-based and other strategies; and advocates for action, including governmental, to eliminate disparities in health care and strengthen the health care system. (<http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/12809.html>)



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A leader in health policy and communications, the Kaiser Family Foundation is a non-profit, private operating foundation focusing on the major health care issues facing the U.S., with a growing role in global health. Unlike grant-making foundations, Kaiser develops and runs its own research and communications programs, sometimes in partnership with other non-profit research organizations or major media companies.

Kaiser Family Foundation serves as a non-partisan source of facts, information, and analysis for policymakers, the media, the health care community, and the public; Its product is information, always provided free of charge – from the most sophisticated policy research, to basic facts and numbers, to information young people can use to improve their health or elderly people can use to understand their Medicare benefits.

The Kaiser Family Foundation has many programs and a complex organizational chart, but essentially the foundation focuses on three areas: producing policy analysis and research; being a clearinghouse of news and information for the health policy community; and developing and helping to run large-scale public health information campaigns in the U.S. and around the world. (<http://www.kff.org>)



NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR HISPANIC HEALTH

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The National Alliance for Hispanic Health envisions strong healthy communities whose contributions are recognized by a society that fosters the health, well-being, and prosperity of all its members. The Alliance for Hispanic Health is the premier science-based organization focusing on Hispanic Health. Alliance community based members reach over 15 million Hispanic consumers throughout the U.S. Since its creation, the Alliance has represented all Hispanic groups, does not accept funds from tobacco or alcohol companies, and is dedicated to community-based solutions.

As the nation's action, advocacy, and research forum for Hispanic health and well-being, the Alliance informs and mobilizes consumers, supports health and human service providers in the delivery of quality care, improves the science base for accurate decision making by promoting better and more inclusive research, promote appropriate use of technology, insures accountability and advocate on behalf of Hispanics, and promotes philanthropy. Specific programs include: capacity development of community based organizations, diabetes education and outreach, Hispanics in the Sciences, prenatal help lines, family health help lines, cultural proficiency, teen theatre as a tool for prevention, and consumer outreach in the areas of depression, ADHD, immunization, HIV/AIDS, women's health, osteoporosis, tobacco control, and environmental health. (<http://www.hispanichealth.org/about/>)



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The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJ) seeks to improve the health and health care of all Americans. RWJ efforts focus on improving both the health of everyone in America and their health care—how it's delivered, how it's paid for, and how well it does for patients and their families. RWJ is guided by a fundamental premise: RWJ is a steward of private funds that must be used in the public's interest. It helps create leverage for change by building evidence and producing, synthesizing and distributing knowledge, new ideas and expertise; it harnesses the power of partnerships by bringing together key players, and securing the sustained commitment of other funders and advocates to improve the health of all Americans.

To ensure that its programs are effective, RWJ has developed a framework to organize its grantmaking practices and areas of focus. This framework recognizes that it does several different kinds of grantmaking and that improving the ways these grants work together can enhance the measurable progress they make toward its overall mission. The framework groups most of RWJ grantmaking into four clusters called portfolios—Human Capital, Vulnerable Populations, Pioneer and Targeted. Within the Targeted portfolio, RWJ has chosen a group of critical issues to address—Childhood Obesity, Coverage, Public Health and Quality/Equality. (<http://www.rwjf.org/about/mission.jhtml>)

SOUTHCENTRAL FOUNDATION

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Southcentral Foundation is an Alaska Native-owned healthcare organization serving Alaska Native and American Indian people living in Anchorage, the Mat-Su Valley, and 60 rural villages in the Anchorage Service Unit. Currently, Southcentral Foundation serves some 46,800 Alaska Native and American Indian people in the Anchorage Service Unit. Incorporated in 1982 under the tribal authority of Cook Inlet Region, Inc., Southcentral Foundation is the largest of the CIRI nonprofits, employing more than 1,200 people in some 65 programs. CIRI is one of the 12 Alaska-based regional corporations established by Congress under the terms of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971. A 13th corporation manages the assets of non-resident Alaska Natives.

Southcentral Foundation's vision is a Native community that enjoys physical, mental, emotional and spiritual wellness; its mission is to work together with the Native community to achieve wellness through health and related services. The organization has developed and implemented comprehensive health-related services to meet the changing needs, enhance culture and empower individuals and families to take charge of their lives. (<http://www.scf.cc/aboutscf.cfm>)



THE CALIFORNIA ENDOWMENT

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The California Endowment is a private, statewide health foundation that was created in 1996. The California Endowment's mission is to expand access to affordable, quality health care for underserved individuals and communities, and to promote fundamental improvements in the health status of all Californians.

The California Endowment's vision for a healthy California involves more than the absence of disease. It is a state where community members and policymakers work together to improve health and health care, and there is respect for the experience and knowledge of the people who are the most directly affected by health disparities. It is a state where all Californians have a strong sense of self-worth and practice healthy lifestyles, where diversity is a source of strength for communities, where health problems are addressed promptly and effectively to minimize their consequences, and where prevention is a shared agenda and partnership is the norm. An important factor in our work as a change agent is vigorous "grassroots-to-treetops" advocacy and mobilization. The California Endowment actively promotes and supports an array of local grassroots coalitions, as well as statewide and, in some cases, national organizations. Together, these individuals, organizations and coalitions act to influence health decision makers and shape policies and systems at all levels. (<http://www.calendow.org>)







IV.

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ABSTRACTS CATEGORIES

Accepted oral abstracts were organized into sessions according to the previously described track descriptions:

- Track 1. Translating Science to Practice and Policy
- Track 2. Health Disparity Diseases and Conditions
- Track 3. Health Disparity Target Populations

Accepted poster abstracts were organized into the following four categories:

- **Transformational Research** – research that takes an innovative, creative approach to advancing the understanding of the development and progression of diseases and disabilities that contribute to minority health and other health disparities, and has the potential to close an important health disparity gap.
- **Transdisciplinary Research Infrastructure** – research infrastructure that builds nontraditional partnerships across disciplines to increase minority health and health disparity research training, career development, and institutional research capacity and infrastructure.
- **Translational Community Outreach** – outreach that expands the latest research advances in minority health and health disparities quickly into communities, ensuring that the public, healthcare professionals, and research communities are informed and educated.
- **Integrated Best Practices** – integrated models or programs that incorporate transformational research, transdisciplinary research infrastructure, and translational community outreach to reduce health disparities.



ABSTRACT REVIEW CRITERIA

An NIH Summit Abstract Review Committee judged the abstracts within each category according to the following review criteria:

- 1** Relevance/Significance
 - a. Contribution to Science and/or Practice
 - b. Fit with Conference Theme
 - c. Timeliness
 - d. Innovation
- 2** Approach/Methodology
 - a. Scientific Quality/Rigor
 - b. Data Collection and Analysis Assessment
 - c. Appropriateness of Approach
- 3** Lessons Learned/Conclusions
 - a. Impact
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 - c. Translational Community Outreach
 - d. Integrated Best Practices



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The mission of NCMHD is to promote minority health and to lead, coordinate, support, and assess the NIH effort to reduce and ultimately eliminate health disparities. In this effort, NCMHD will conduct and support basic, clinical, social, and behavioral research, promote research infrastructure and training, foster emerging programs, disseminate information, and reach out to minority and other health disparity communities.

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The National Council on Interpreting in Health Care (NCIHC) is a multidisciplinary organization whose mission is to promote culturally competent professional health care interpreting as a means to support equal access to health care for individuals with limited English proficiency. In 2004, the NCIHC developed the National Code of Ethics for Interpreters in Health Care, and in 2005 developed the National Standards of Practice for Interpreters in Health Care.

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The National Eye Institute (NEI) was established by Congress in 1968 to protect and prolong the vision of the American people. As one of the Federal government's National Institutes of Health (NIH), the NEI conducts and supports research that helps prevent and treat eye disease and other disorders of vision. This research leads to sight-saving treatments, reduces visual impairment and blindness, and improves the quality of life for people of all ages.

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The National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI) led the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) contribution to the International Human Genome Project, which had as its primary goal the sequencing of the human genome. NHGRI's mission has expanded to encompass a broad range of studies aimed at the human genome and its role in health and disease. NHGRI's Division of Intramural Research plans and conducts laboratory and clinical research and provides training for investigators, to translate genomic and genetic research into a greater understanding of human genetic disease.

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The National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (NIBIB) leads the development and accelerates the application of emerging and breakthrough biomedical technologies in order to improve human health. The Institute is committed to integrating the engineering and physical sciences with the life sciences to advance basic research and medical care.

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The National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research will feature its new "Oral Cancer: What African American Men Need Know" campaign, which is designed to raise African American men's awareness of their risk for oral cancer and the importance of early detection.

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National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) conducts and supports research to help reduce health disparities in the following areas: diabetes and other endocrine and metabolic diseases; digestive diseases, nutrition and obesity; and kidney, urologic and hematologic diseases. The basic and clinical research in these areas spans the full spectrum of medicine.



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The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) is one of four ICs at NIH that have been participating in funding the Centers for Population Health and Health Disparities since 2003. The Agricultural Health Study is just one of many ongoing research efforts NIEHS participates in that tries to reach out to under-served populations, including farm workers and pesticide applicators. We have supported environmental health sciences education outreach, especially targeted at the K-12 population for many years. We have been collaborators with NCMHD on programs, grants and projects targeted at eliminating health disparities. Dr. Marian Johnson-Thompson served on the Planning Committee for the Conference.

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The National Institute of General Medical Sciences primarily supports basic research that lays the foundation for advances in disease diagnosis, treatment, and prevention. The Institute's programs encompass the areas of cell biology, biophysics, genetics, developmental biology, pharmacology, physiology, biological chemistry, bioinformatics, computational biology, and minority biomedical research training.

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The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), a component of the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health & Human Services, conducts and supports behavioral research and disseminates information and publications, at no cost, that focus on the causes, diagnosis, prevention and treatment of mental disorders.

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS)

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The NINDS has initiated a comprehensive health disparities plan to reduce disparities in populations historically at increased risk for stroke, epilepsy, and other disorders of the nervous system. The plan includes research, research capacity building, and educational outreach programs to diverse populations and institutions of higher education.

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The National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR), a component of the National Institutes of Health, is the principal federal agency for the funding of nursing research. NINR supports research to build the scientific foundation for clinical practice to prevent disease and disability, manage symptoms of illness and enhance end-of-life and palliative care.



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The National Institute on Aging, one of the U.S. Government's National Institute of Health, is the lead federal agency supporting and conducting medical, social, and behavioral research related to aging and the special needs of older people. NIA offers free publications and resources for seniors and health care professionals.

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA)

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The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism exhibit highlights the importance of alcohol research, prevention, and treatment for maintaining the health of the individual, the family, and the Nation. The NIAAA booth features publications appropriate for the public, research findings for professionals and policy makers, and research grant opportunities available for biomedical and social science researchers. A direct link to NIAAA's Web site will be available at the booth.

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NIDCD promotes the participation of minority institutions and special populations in its research and research training activities. It encourages that all populations are served in human communication research; and through partnerships with minority institutions it seeks to strengthen research opportunities and institutional capacity at less research-intensive institutions.

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NIDA is a Federal agency charged with supporting research on the causes, prevention and treatment of all aspects of drug abuse including AIDS. Results of NIDA-funded research help solve the medical, social, and public health programs of drug abuse and addiction. Publications and research opportunities will be made available.

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The NIH Center for Scientific Review is committed to ensuring that minorities, women and individuals from geographically diverse areas are well-represented on scientific panels that review NIH grant applications for scientific merit. CSR also is committed to encouraging minority participation as reviewers, applicants and employees.

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All of the NIH Clinical Center's clinical research training initiatives have a history of diversity outreach. This has been manifested by the broad scope of our academic partners, the diversity of students in training programs, and the plans to further expand educational and training initiatives to underserved areas internationally.



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The NIH Clinical Center is the largest hospital devoted entirely to clinical research. This national resource makes it possible to translate scientific observations and laboratory discoveries into new approaches for diagnosing, treating and preventing disease. More than 350,000 volunteers have participated in clinical research studies since 1953. They are partners that make the research – and medical discovery – possible.

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The National Library of Medicine(NLM) is the world's largest biomedical library and the developer of electronic information services that deliver trillions of bytes of data to millions of users every day. Scientists, health professionals, and the public in the U.S. and around the globe search the Library's online information resources more than one billion times each year. For 171 years, the NLM has played a pivotal role in translating biomedical research into practice. In fulfilling its

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The National Network to Eliminate Disparities (NNED): This network supports information sharing, training and technical assistance among organizations and communities dedicated to the behavioral health and well-being of diverse communities.

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The National Cancer Institute's Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities coordinates and strengthens the NCI cancer research portfolio in basic, clinical translational and population-based research to address cancer health disparities. The Center leads NCI efforts in the training of students and investigators from diverse populations that will be part of the next generation

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eRA Commons is an online interface that allows NIH extramural grantee organizations, grantees, and the public to transmit and receive information about the administration of biomedical and behavioral research grants. Principal Investigators and Administrators use eRA Commons for a number of tasks, from tracking the status of an electronic grant application to viewing assembled applications, as well as the ability to check review assignments, review results, and submit closeout documents.



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The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is making health disparities research a more viable career option through its extramural Loan Repayment Programs (LRPs) which seek to recruit and retain highly-qualified investigators within the scientific workforce. The LRP may repay up to \$70,000 of your educational debt. Learn more at www.lrp.nih.gov.

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NIH's Office of Communications and Public Liaison works to reduce health disparities by providing health information based on cultural competence and incorporating plain language approaches and new technologies. Work includes the promotion of health literacy concepts in developing health materials and communications strategies responsive to patients' health beliefs and practices.

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The NIH Office of AIDS Research is responsible for scientific, budgetary, legislative, and policy elements of the NIH HIV/AIDS Research Programs. Congress has provided broad authority to the OAR to plan, coordinate, evaluate and fund all NIH AIDS research. OAR promotes collaborative research activities in domestic and international settings.

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The Center for the Study of Asian American Health, an NCMHD P60 Research Center of Excellence, is a campus-community research partnership of academic, healthcare, and community organizations serving NYC Asian American populations. Its mission is based on community-based research principles and main research areas include mental health, cardiovascular disease/diabetes, oncogenesis, and social determinants of health.

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Partnering with NIH IC's, OBSSR spurs new behavioral research on health disparities. We emphasize research in three areas: 1) public policy, 2) health care, and 3) disease/disability prevention. Further, the Office is establishing a research network that uses innovative strategies such as systems science approaches to explain health disparities and improve population health research.

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The Office of Minority Health Resource Center (OMHRC) is your source for the latest health information on issues facing minorities. OMHRC offers FREE database searches, publications, mailing lists, and information referrals. To receive our FREE minority health resources contact us at 1-800-444-0472 or visiting our Website at <http://www.omhrc.gov>.



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The Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH) strengthens and enhances research related to diseases, disorders, and conditions that affect women and leads NIH efforts to ensure that women and minorities are sufficiently included in medical research. Material related to women's health issues, such as the Women of Color Health Data Book, will be displayed.

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All Americans must have access to quality, affordable health coverage. Health care delivery must be centered on the patient and on the patient-physician relationship. Disease prevention and wellness must become a focus. High quality health care must be the standard of all Americans – Disparities must be eliminated...Excerpts from Pfizer Health Care Reform Principles

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Spectrum Publishers has been involved in the national effort to eliminate health disparities for over 20 years. Through our publications (Journal for Minority Medical Students; the Keepsake and the Young Scientists), we encourage minority students, new physicians, and emerging scientists to get involved in the fight to close the Gap. Each year, the Journal devotes an entire issue to the theme of Health Disparities. Over the years, we have worked tirelessly with several IC's to get the word out.

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SAMHSA is a public health agency within the Department of Health and Human Services. The agency is responsible for improving the accountability, capacity and effectiveness of the nation's substance abuse prevention, addictions treatment, and mental health services delivery system.

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The mission of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is to protect human health and safeguard the air, water and land upon which life depends. EPA relies on quality science, conducted by its scientists and grantees, as the basis for sound policies and decisions to protect human health.



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Re-expression of Tropomodulin 1 in knock out murine embryonic stem cells gives hope of someday translating this technique to humans for the regeneration of cardiac cells. This would positively impact health disparities in cardiovascular diseases which lead to the mortality of African-Americans at the highest rate, with Mexican Americans second.

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Our purpose is to conduct research into strata of diseases prevalent in Hispanic, particularly Mexican American, populations. Our research cores focus on obesity and diabetes research and prevention, particularly focusing on their impact on infectious diseases and mental health among this disadvantaged population.

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The Office on Women's Health is the government's champion and focal point for women's health issues and works to redress inequities in health care services and education that have placed the health of women at risk. Through the womenshealth.gov website and 1-800 call center we provide a gateway to the vast array of Federal and private sector women's health information resources.

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USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service is the public health agency responsible for ensuring that the nation's commercial supply of meat, poultry, and egg products is safe, wholesome, and correctly labeled and packaged. Its Food Safety Education Staff educates consumers how to handle these products safely to prevent foodborne illness.



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INFORMATION

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HOTEL INFORMATION

Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center

201 Waterfront Street
National Harbor, MD 20745
Phone: 301-965-2000
Fax: 301-965-4098

Hotel Concierge

A Concierge Desk is located on the Main Lobby Level of the Hotel to the left right of the front desk. Hotel staff will be available to assist between the hours of 7:00 AM and 11:00 PM. You may call directly 301-965-4340.

Parking

There is a parking garage located at the Gaylord National Resort. You have two options when parking at the Gaylord Resort – valet and self park. The more economical option would be self park which is in a convenient location adjacent to the hotel. The rates are as follow:

- \$12.00 for 0-3 hours self parking
- \$19.00 per day self parking/overnight

- \$17.00 for 0-3 hours valet parking
- \$28.00 per day valet parking/overnight*

Resort Fees

It is Gaylord National's policy to charge every guest a daily resort fee, currently \$15.00, for the amenities offered. The resort fees includes: local phone calls (first 20 min. of each), toll-free and credit calls (first 20 min. of each), high-speed Internet access in guest room, access to resort's state-of-the-art fitness center, bottled water (two per room, per day) and a daily newspaper.

Automatic Teller Machine (ATM)

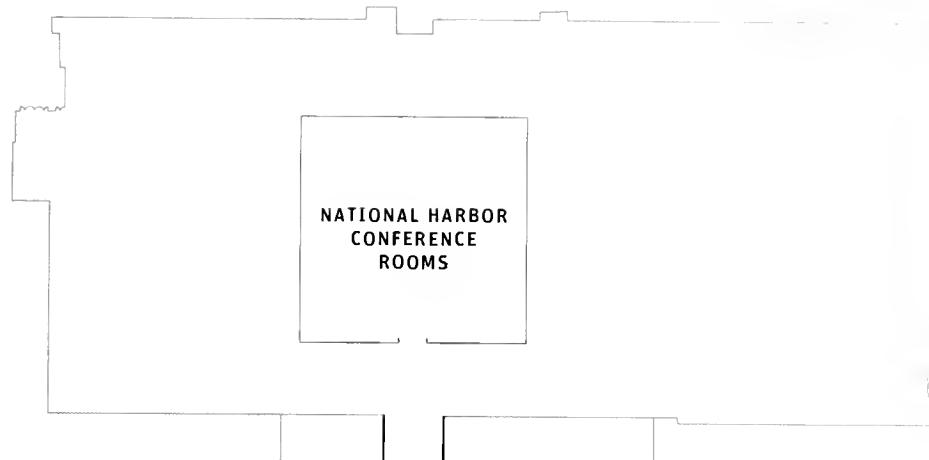
For your convenience, there is a 24-hour ATM located just off the lobby, in the Lower Atrium, near the retail shop Urban Chic.

Business Center

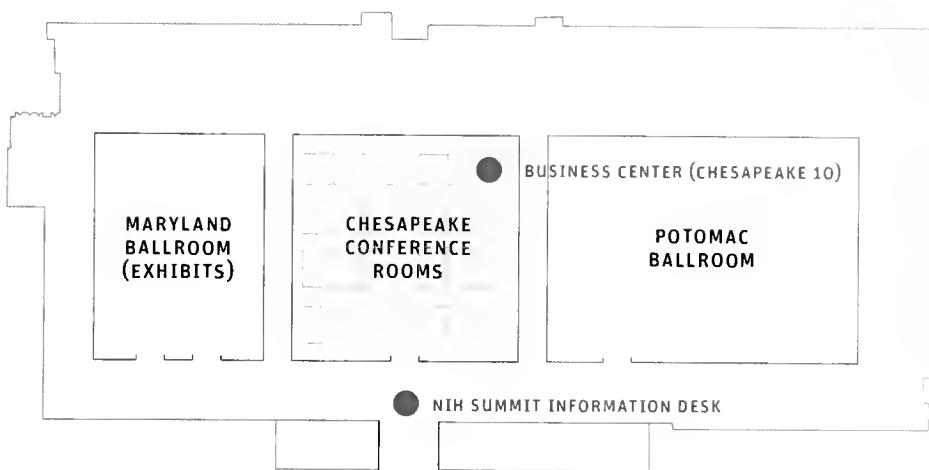
The Business Center is located on the Ballroom level one floor above the Main Lobby. Hours of operation are Monday 7:00 AM – 9:00 PM daily.



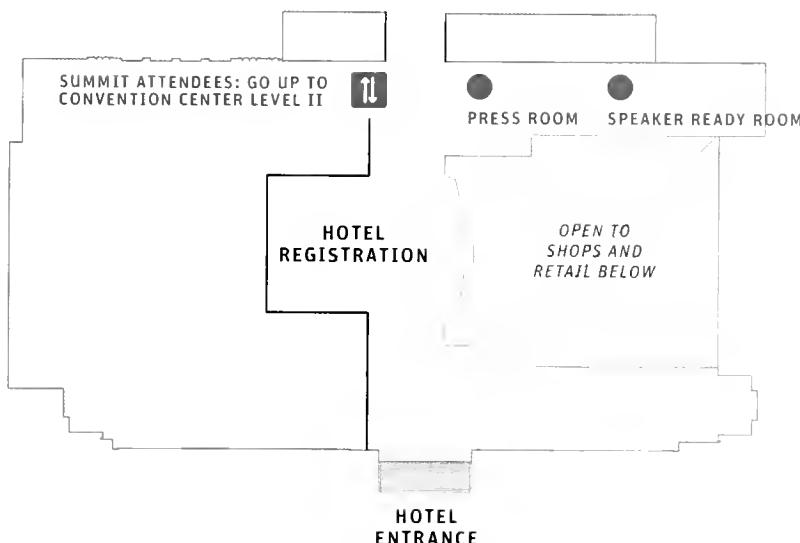
CONVENTION CENTER LEVEL III



CONVENTION CENTER LEVEL II



HOTEL LEVEL I



Floor plans shown here have been customized to highlight NIH Summit conference areas on Levels I, II, & III.

See Hotel Concierge for a complete Facilities Guide to the Gaylord National Resort & Conference Center.



REGISTRATION/SUMMIT INFORMATION

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration

All attendees of the summit must first check in at the Summit Registration Desk, located in the hotel lobby, to pick up their name badges and other conference materials.

Registration Hours

<i>Sunday 12/14/08</i>	11:30 AM – 5:00 PM
<i>Monday 12/15/08</i>	7:00 AM – 5:00 PM
<i>Tuesday 12/16/08</i>	7:00 AM – 5:00 PM
<i>Wednesday 12/17/08</i>	7:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Your name badge will allow access to all sessions and exhibits and we request that it be worn at all times. Should you misplace your badge, please bring a photo ID to the Registration Desk and we will issue a new one.

SUMMIT INFORMATION

The summit will consist of a series of Keynote, Plenary & Breakout Sessions, Exhibits and Posters.

Exhibits and Poster Session

Located in the Maryland Ballroom and available for viewing at the following times:

<i>Tuesday 12/16/08</i>	8:00 AM – 6:00 PM
<i>Wednesday 12/17/08</i>	8:00 AM – 6:00 PM
<i>Thursday, 12/18/08</i>	8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

The exhibit area is a non-secured space; therefore, exhibitors who require electronic connections or are displaying computer equipment or expensive/irreplaceable materials are solely responsible for materials.

Information Desk

An information desk will be located outside of the Chesapeake Conference Rooms to assist all attendees of the summit. Staff will be able to address any questions you may have during the hours of the summit.



SPEAKER INFORMATION

SPEAKER INFORMATION

All speakers should check in at the Summit Registration Desk in the hotel lobby to pick up their name badges and meeting materials.

Speakers should proceed to the Speaker Ready Room - located in the Camellia Ballroom on the Ballroom level - one floor above the Main Lobby. We ask that you do so the day prior to your session, to preview your presentation or to submit your presentation if you have not already done so. If checking in on the day of your session, please plan on doing so at least 4 hours prior to the start of your session (note: this refers to the session start time, not the presentation start time). The PSAV technicians will assist with the upload of your files and provide the opportunity to preview and/or edit the presentation as necessary.

CMS (Content Management System) is the product that all speakers will use as a complete online and onsite PowerPoint slide center. Each presenter can easily upload their presentation files, including all multimedia content (ex: linked video, flash, sound files), to a server, alternatively online prior to the event or onsite via the Presentation Client. There will be staff to assist you with this process or with any questions you may have.

All presentations may be previewed and edited by their authors up to a certain deadline in the Speaker Ready Room before they are automatically downloaded to the respective computers in the session rooms. To obtain minimum network traffic, only the relevant data for each session and lecture room will be synchronized with the server constantly and automatically.

Presentations cannot be loaded directly on computers in the plenary or breakout sessions rooms. If your presentation is not loaded on the server, or you have not delivered it to the Speaker Ready Room, it will not be accessible in the assigned session rooms. All presentations are being audio recorded and synced with the PowerPoint presentations for archiving and distribution purposes.

Speaker Ready Room Hours

Located in the Camellia Ballroom and available to speakers during the hours of:

<i>Sunday 12/14/08</i>	12:00 PM – 5:00 PM
<i>Monday 12/15/08</i>	7:00 AM – 6:00 PM
<i>Tuesday 12/16/08</i>	7:00 AM – 6:00 PM
<i>Wednesday 12/17/08</i>	7:00 AM – 6:00 PM
<i>Thursday 12/18/08</i>	7:00 AM – 10:00 AM



NIH SHUTTLE INFORMATION

NIH SHUTTLE SERVICE

Complimentary shuttle service will be provided between the main campus of the National Institutes of Health and the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center on a limited schedule.

Departing from Building 1, NIH Campus to the Gaylord

December 16, 17, 18 7:00 am, 7:30 am and 11:00 am

Departing from the Gaylord to Building 1, NIH Campus

December 16 10:00 am; 4:00 pm; 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm

December 17 12:00 pm; 4:00 pm; 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm

December 18 12:00 pm; 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm



GENERAL INFORMATION

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As a courtesy to other attendees, please switch off or turn to vibrate all cellular phones, Blackberries, and pagers during all sessions. Please arrive on time for all sessions.

All workshops are on a first-come basis via on-line pre-registration. Please fill the seats in the front to make room for late arrivals.

NO SMOKING POLICY

Smoking is not allowed in any part of the conference including the public areas. Conference attendees must comply with the Gaylord Resort and Convention Center smoking policies in other parts of the hotel.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN AND SERVICES

For your safety at the conference, please be familiar with the Hotel's Emergency and Evacuation Plan posted throughout the Hotel. All Gaylord National Safety Services staff are CPR and AED certified. In the event of an emergency, Fire, Police, and EMS will be on the grounds. Conference personnel and hotel staff will be posted at emergency exits to direct participants to safety. Please follow their instructions to ensure an orderly evacuation.

For non-emergency situations, dial 5-4500 from a House phone. From a cellular phone, the number is 301-345-4500.

In the case of an emergency, dial 333 from any house phone; 911 will be set up in tandem with the Hotel's 333 system. Hotel Security will be made aware of the situation simultaneously with the 911 operator.

NEAREST HOSPITAL LOCATION

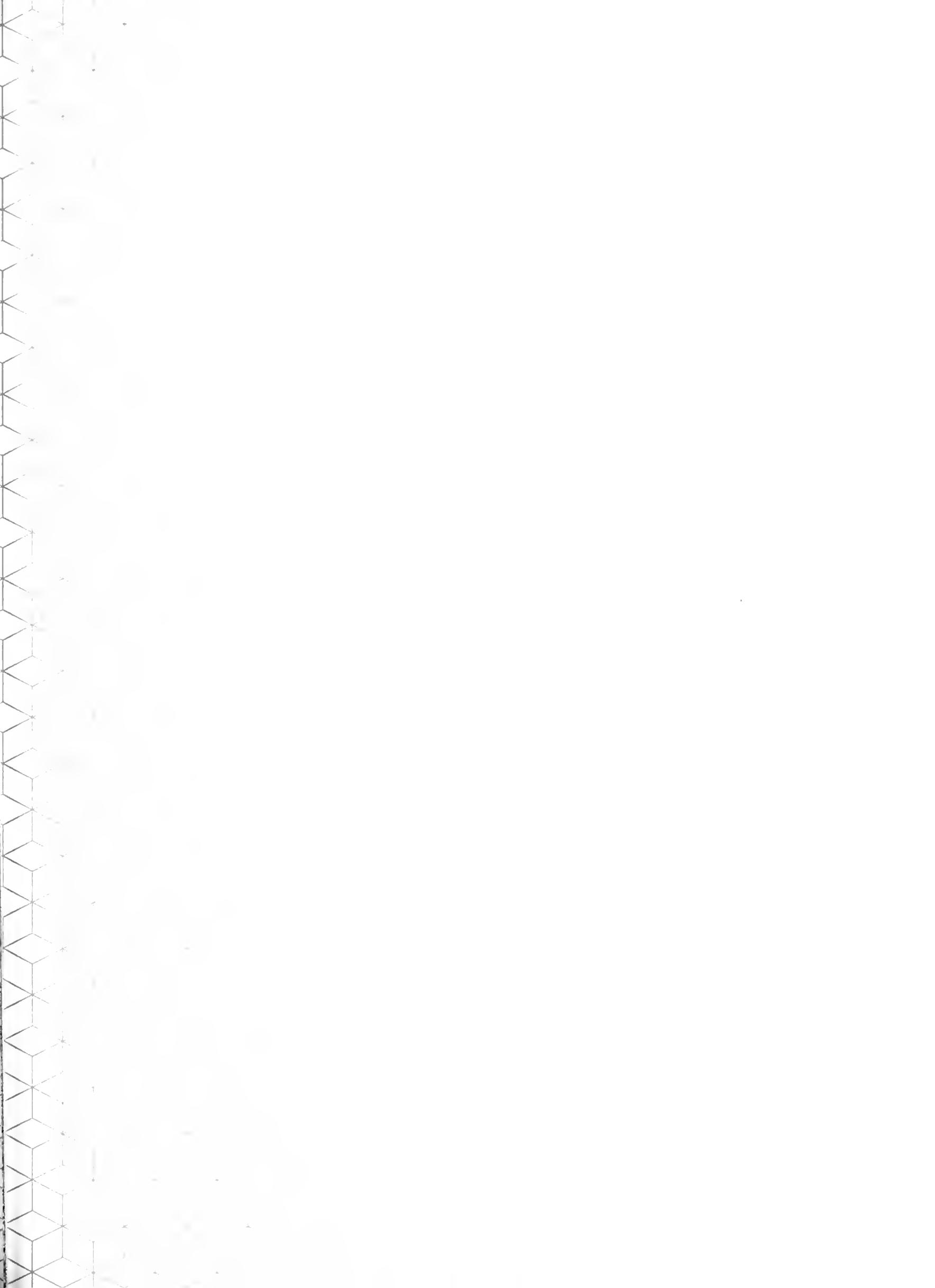
Fort Washington Medical Center
11711 Livingston Road
Fort Washington, MD 20744
Phone: 301-292-7000

LOST AND FOUND

The Hotel Safety Services department will maintain lost and found items. To find out if an item has been turned in, dial 5-4500 from any house phone or 301-345-4500 from a landline/cellular phone.







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